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ABSTRACT

The summary reports on international rehabilitation efforts undertaken during 1979. Projects are briefly described for four regional areas: Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Project descriptions include the names(s) of the sponsoring organizations. The remainder of the report lists bilateral government programs; congresses, seminars, training courses, and meetings; publications, studies, and films; and such other information as national and regional efforts for the International Year of the Child (1979) and proposals for the International Year of Disabled Persons (1981). Among appendixes are names and addresses of governmental agencies mentioned in the report. (CL)

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PREFACE

This twenty-second issue of the Summary of Information on Projects and Activities in the Field of Rehabilitation of the Disabled covers activities undertaken in 1979 as well as future plans of the Governments (bilateral projects), agencies and organizations listed in annex I. Unless otherwise indicated, it is to be understood that a given event took place during 1979.

The Summary was prepared on the basis of information received from the contributors or, in a few cases, excerpted from their publications. An effort has been made to present the material so as to give as clear a picture as possible of the developments in each of the principal geographical regions. It is recognized that the Summary does not cover all the activities that have been undertaken; continuing efforts will be made to increase its coverage in future issues, and suggestions with regard both to coverage and to presentation will be welcomed.

For the acronyms used in the text, see annex I. In each chapter the material is presented in alphabetical order but grouped according to the sequence of the five categories of contributors given in annex I:

United Nations and specialized agencies;

Regional intergovernmental organizations;

Bilateral government programmes;

International organizations;

Other organizations.

It should be noted that the headings of the five categories are not repeated in the different chapters.

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I. REGIONAL AND COUNTRY PROJECTS

A. Africa

1. Regional projects

United Nations - Missions of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled

The adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), undertook short-term advisory missions to the following countries: Ethiopia; Mozambique; and Mauritania. He also presented recommendations on the rehabilitation of the disabled Namibian war victims. These missions are described under the name of each country.

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) continued his assignment and provided short-term assistance in the planning, organization and development of services in the vocational rehabilitation for the physically and mentally disabled to the Governments of Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Senegal, Sudan and Uganda. (See also Country projects.)

ILO - Vocational rehabilitation of the blind

Thanks to the generous support of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), a new post of ILO subregional (West Africa) vocational rehabilitation adviser for blind persons has been established.

The adviser will give particular attention to persons who have become blind or visually handicapped as a result of onchocerciasis and who are living in rural regions. The 18-month project, beginning January 1980, will cover the seven countries of the Volta River basin (Upper Volta, Ivory Coast, Togo, Benin, Niger, Mali and Ghana).

UNESCO - Regional project for English-speaking African countries

A project is under preparation to encourage the organization and development of educational facilities for the handicapped in English-speaking African countries. The project, which will last for two years, is financed by a contribution of about $800,000 from the Swedish Government under a funds-in-trust agreement.

UNESCO - Regional seminar on education of the mentally retarded

An African regional seminar on the education of mentally retarded children is being planned for 1980. It will be organized in collaboration with BREDA and ILSMH, and is geared to French-speaking African countries.

UNESCO - Subregional colloquium on maladjusted youth

A financial contribution in the amount of $5,000 was provided for a colloquium on legal aspects of juvenile delinquency and psycho-social aspects of handicapped youth. Held at Bangui, in December 1978, the colloquium involved the following countries: Benin; Central African Republic (then known as Central African Empire); Ivory Coast; Mauritius; Niger; Rwanda; Senegal; Togo; and Upper Volta.

UNESCO - Regional seminar on library services to visually handicapped readers in Africa

A contract has been drawn up with the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) to hold a seminar in the United Republic of Tanzania from 3 to 13 November 1980 on library services to visually handicapped readers in Africa. The amount of $18,600 will be contributed by UNESCO towards the cost of travel and daily allowances of the participants, conference facilities and a study tour through the United Republic.

WHO - Consultation of directors of rehabilitation centres

Seventeen participants from 13 African countries attended a meeting at Brazzaville, Congo, in October to discuss ways of providing rehabilitation services in the community, to define the categories of personnel required for rehabilitation work and to identify priorities for research.

CF - Visits to Malawi, the Seychelles and Mauritius by former ENT consultant from Guys Hospital, London

The three-year programme of visits by Mr. L. Salmon to Malawi and the Seychelles, which started in January 1978 and is being financed by the Foundation, has now been extended to include Mauritius. The aims of the visits are to advise the three governments; to lecture to medical and nursing staffs in hospitals; to examine and, as necessary, operate on referred cases; and to visit the Commonwealth Foundation-sponsored Deaf Teacher Training School on the outskirts of Blantyre and examine the children in residence.

ILSMH/UNESCO-planned Joint Seminar on Special Education for the Mentally Handicapped (1980)

This seminar for French-speaking African countries could be held in the second half of 1980, at Dakar, Senegal, subject to final decision from UNESCO.

ILSMH - Regional conference on mental handicap, for African countries (1981)

This conference is to be organized under the auspices of ILSMH by its Member National Society at Nairobi, Kenya. It is tentatively scheduled for 1981.

ISPO - Prosthetics/orthotics education in Africa

The Society has been discussing with GTZ (the West German Overseas Aid Agency) the production of a programme of education and training in prosthetics and orthotics for Africa. This is an ongoing project.

RCSB - Deputy Director's tour

In company with the East Africa regional representative, Sir Ivan Ewart, the Society's new Deputy Director, Mr. Alan Johns, visited Kenya, the United Republic of Tanzania and Malawi in April/May 1979 to review progress made on projects being assisted by RCSB.

RCSB - Appointment of regional representative for Central Africa

In September, Brother Rudolf was appointed regional representative for Central Africa, with responsibility for the Society's work in Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Swaziland and Botswana. Brother Rudolf has occupied the post of Director of Special Education in Malawi for a number of years and, although he has relinquished that post, he remains Chairman of the Malawi Council for the Handicapped.

RCSB - East Africa regional representative

The Society's regional representative for East Africa moved from Kenya to the United Republic of Tanzania in July, where he will be based for the next two years, making regular visits to Kenya and Uganda.

RCSB - East Africa Placement and Training Officer

The Society's Placement and Training Officer continued with his secondment to the Special Education Section of the Kenyan Ministry of Basic Education. A Kenyan counterpart for Mr. Thresher's post has been appointed and will be trained by him during 1980, thus eventually releasing Mr. Thresher for a wider role in East Africa.

RCSB - Tour by the Director, Sir John Wilson, C.B.E.

Sir John Wilson is visiting Kenya, Uganda and Malawi in February 1980 to discuss with government departments and non-government organizations the expansion of the Society's work in those countries for the rehabilitation of blind people.

WCWB/IFB - Regional leadership training seminar

In co-operation with WCWB and IFB, the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped organized a Leadership Training Seminar for the Blind at Lusaka, Zambia, from 2 to 21 April 1979, in which 26 participants from 13 English-speaking countries in Africa took part. The seminar was supported financially by SIDA.

WCWB/ILO - Project on vocational rehabilitation

The ILO has, in co-operation with the World Council, started an 18-month project on vocational rehabilitation of the blind in the Sahel and West African region, covering seven countries. The adviser for the project, Mr. Arne Gustafsson (Sweden), took up his post at the beginning of 1980.

WFD - Activities

During 1979 WFD carried out various projects in the field of rehabilitation and special education and conducted research in Africa in order to determine the actual situation of deaf people in developing countries.

Professor Dr. Peter O. Mba, Department of Special Education, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, is at present carrying out, with the help of international experts, a survey on the number of deaf people in Africa and their living conditions. During 1981 a special meeting for the International Year of Disabled Persons will be held by the WFD to examine the results and figures of the survey and to decide on appropriate projects to be undertaken for African deaf people.

ICGI - Regional seminar on the handicapped in West Africa

From 11 to 17 December 1978, at Lomé, Togo, the International Council of Goodwill Industries held a regional seminar on the rehabilitation of handicapped persons in French-speaking West Africa. The purpose of the seminar was to facilitate a sharing of innovative rehabilitation efforts being made by those working with the handicapped and to examine how such efforts are contributing to development in Africa. Over fifty representatives of private and governmental agencies from nine West African French-speaking countries attended the seminar. Some of the specific objectives of the seminar were to review present rehabilitation activities, examine the actual and potential role of rehabilitation of the handicapped in development in the countries of West Africa, study the need for a regional structure to facilitate a continuing exchange of information on rehabiliation, plan regional training activities, outline planning methods for national rehabilitation activities and examine the role of international rehabilitation organizations in West Africa. Great emphasis was placed on public consciousness-raising, both on the part of families and the general public. Two main concepts - seemingly contradictory - prevailed at the seminar. Some participants thought that it was unnecessary to segregate handicapped children in separate schools and adults in their own workshops, etc., while other delegates believed that, on the contrary, it was necessary to create special parallel structures. One suggestion was for referral centres that would link special schools and activities for the handicapped with other government agencies and private enterprises, to insure the integration of each handicapped person, after a period of special training according to his or her need. Perhaps the major conclusion was that there was need for better co-ordination of rehabilitation activities at the national level in each country. The urgency of disability prevention measures was often raised, given the fact that it is easier to vaccinate than to rehabilitate.

ICGI - Activities in West Africa

Staff and consultants of ICGI continued to provide local organizations in several West African countries with technical assistance in the field of vocational rehabilitation and the creation of employment opportunities for handicapped youth and adults.

ICGI - First regional assembly of rehabilitation practitioners

In co-operation with several other rehabilitation agencies, ICGI sponsored the first assembly of rehabilitation practitioners in West Africa, at Lomé, Togo, 11 to 17 December 1978. In 1979 in direct response to the recommendations participants in the seminar, Goodwill, began to establish plans to open a West Africa regional rehabilitation office and programme, to be located at Lomé, Togo, with the purpose of promoting the full participation of handicapped persons in the economic and social development of the communities in West Africa. The results of the efforts to establish this regional programme should be seen sometime in 1980. The proceedings of the seminar are now available in English and French.

ICGI - West Africa Office for Rehabilitation at Lomé, Togo

Arrangements for the opening of the West Africa Office for Rehabilitation, at Lomé, were completed during the year, in response to the recommendation of participants at the Goodwill-organized Regional Seminar on Rehabilitation for French-speaking countries of West Africa, held in December 1978. The Office will facilitate the creation of a West African Association of Centres for the Handicapped and will co-ordinate an exchange of information and technical assistance between rehabilitation organizations in West Africa. A formal report on the December 1978 Lomé seminar was published in 1979 and is available in French from Goodwill Industries.

WRF - Assistance and fellowships in prosthetics and orthotics

WRF provided shipments of prosthetic orthotic equipment and supplies to the Society of Social Rehabilitation at Alexandria, Egypt, and to the Centre de reéducation pour handicapés physiques in Zaïre, in order to establish new workshops. A shipment of prosthetic orthotic supplies and equipment was provided to St. Joseph's Hospital, Ghana, through the Catholic Relief Services. WRF also provided for a shipment of used but serviceable artificial limbs and braces to the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Lesotho, through CARE.

A full fellowship was provided for Mr. Peter K. Simelane, of the Mbabane Government Hospital, Mbabane, Swaziland, to attend the Fifth Basic Course in Prosthetics and Orthotics at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, India. (See also section B.1, WRF - Regional courses in prosthetics and orthotics, and fellowships, page 24).

WRF - Consultation services in prosthetics and orthotics

Mr. Juan Monros, WRF Director of Field Service and expert consultant in prosthetics and orthotics, provided brief consultation services to Benin, the Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, the Niger, Nigeria, Togo and Zaire.

2. Country projects

Algeria

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mrs. Annette Yaker participated in an expert meeting held from 15 to 20 October at the UNESCO secretariat, Paris, to advise UNESCO on the development of a long-term plan for its special education programme.

WHO - Training in the field of physical disability

A consultant, Prof. A. Seyfried (Poland), was assigned for three months to advise on matters connected with the training of paramedical rehabilitation personnel, the provision of hospital-based rehabilitation services, and the availability of prosthetics and orthotics.

Angola

ICRC - Centre of Bomba Alta at Huambo

This Centre, created by ICRC in August 1979, has as its objective to produce protheses by making maximal use of local resources and to train local personnel to take over after the withdrawal of the ICRC personnel.

Benin

LRCS - Help with mobility

Tricycles have been given to lepers, with help received from the German Red Cross (Germany, Federal Republic of).

The Red Cross has a programme of vocational training for disabled girls which is also supported technically and financially by the German Red Cross.

Botswana

UNICEF - Assistance to programmes for disabled children

See Chapter V, UNICEF, Help for disabled children, p. 95.

WHO - Community-based rehabilitation

A consultant physiotherapist, Mrs. Padmani Mendis (Sri Lanka), visited the country for three months to introduce the field-testing and evaluation of a draft manual entitled "Training the disabled in the community". (See chapter IV.)

RCSB - Support for the education of visually handicapped children

The Society provided special educational equipment and materials in 1979 and hopes to continue to do so in 1980.

Cape Verde

UNICEF - Programmes for disabled children

UNICEF has been assiting a project for disabled children in this country.

Congo

UNESCO - Equipment for vocational education for the handicapped

A UNESCO co-action project has begun to provide equipment for the vocational education of handicapped young people in the Congo.

CI 1/ - Special programme for the handicapped

CI carries the operational expenses of a centre for children handicapped by polio.

Egypt

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) undertook a brief mission to Egypt in February to discuss with the authorities concerned (particularly the Ministry of Social Affairs) the possibility of ILO expert assistance in the further development of vocational rehabilitation services.

Ethiopia

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

The adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), revisited the country from 28 February to 10 March 1979 to advise the National Rehabilitation Agency of the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia on social-policy planning in the field of rehabilitation and integration of disabled persons. He also reviewed the Agency's structure with regard to the participation of disabled persons in the activities of the newly emerging People's Organization. A recommendation was made to the Government to request UN assistance (Department of Technical Co-operation for Development) for the production and distribution of prosthetic and orthotic appliances and for the development of social policy co-ordination and legislation in disability prevention and rehabilitation.

ILO/UNDP - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

In April Mr. Andrej Pustola (Poland) completed his assignment in advising the Government on the development of production workshop facilities.

Mrs. Theodora Dina (Germany, Federal Republic of) carried out a three-month consultancy from May to August and produced a report on the design, schedule and planning of a garment factory for employment of the disabled, at Nazareth, Ethiopia. Three rehabilitation experts will carry on this project in 1980.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Mr. Ayele Gessesse to enable him to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April 1979.

1/ Activities initiated by Caritas Internationalis in 1978 and executed regularly in 1979 or executed by Caritas without the participation of international solidarity are not included. Likewise, general programmes in the field of food, health, or training are not included.

Ethiopia

UNESCO - Educational equipment for small deaf children

A project has been started to provide educational equipment for pre-school education of small deaf children in Ethiopia.

UNESCO - Educational equipment for the blind

Teaching equipment was provided for schools for the blind and for blind students in open education in the country.

WHO - Education in orthopaedics and rehabilitation

A post was established for a medical officer, to teach orthopaedics and rehabilitation in the post-graduate training programme.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provides for the construction of a home for the physically handicapped.

ICEVH - Course for teachers

In collaboration with Christoffel Blindenmission, a training course for teachers of the blind was conducted in July in Addis Ababa, with the assistance of three teachers from the United Kingdom. The course was such a success that a follow-up course is planned in 1980.

ICRC - People's Heroes Centre for Rehabilitation in Debre Zeit

The ICRC has been involved in the functioning of this Centre since January 1979 and will probably continue to do so until the end of 1980. The objectives of the Centre are the production of prostheses by using local resources maximally, both with regard to material and to personnel, giving special treatment to paraplegics and training local personnel to take over after the first two years of the functioning of the Centre. There are more than 500 amputees in the Centre. The training programme lasts thirteen months and comprises theoretical and practical courses. A video film is being made on the action in Ethiopia.

Gambia

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) undertook a mission in November to review existing services for the rehabilitation of disabled and to advise the Government on the development of a national rehabilitation programme. Recommendations were presented on the organization of a national rehabilitation seminar and the appointment of a national rehabilitation committee.

Ghana

UNICEF - Control of blindness due to Vitamin A deficiency

UNICEF has been assisting this project in Ghana.

UNESCO - Specialized educational equipment for the deaf

Specialized educational equipment has been provided to the Mampong-Akwapim School for the Deaf and to the Mampong-Akwapim Deaf Education Specialist College catering for the education of deaf children in Ghana and the training of their teachers.

ICEVH - Training course for teachers

The two-year training course for teachers of the blind at the Presbyterian Training College, Akropong-Akwapim, was established in 1975 to cater for the English-speaking West African countries, including Ghana. A German expert, found through ICEVH and sponsored by the Christoffel Blindenmission, has been responsible for the training of teachers for the blind since August 1979 as well as for the revision of the curriculum and upgrading of the course. She is also arranging for external examiners.

RCSB - Social/vocational rehabilitation

The Society's financial support to the Ghana Society for the Blind for the social and vocational rehabilitation of blind women continued in 1979, and in October, following a visit by its Deputy Director, plans were laid for the start of an agricultural rehabilitation centre for the blind at Binaba, in liaison with the Anglican Church of Ghana.

ICGI/YMCA - Goodwill Industries vocational training project for youth

The Executive Secretary of the Ghana YMCA and the Deputy Director for Rehabilitation of the Department of Social Welfare and Community Development in Ghana visited the YMCA and the Goodwill Industries of Oakland, California, in 1979 to discuss a proposed YMCA Goodwill Industries joint vocational training project for youth in the Oakland sister city of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana. The project would train both handicapped and non-handicapped young men and women in selected skills according to labour market needs.

An initial study of the need for and feasibility of the project will be conducted by staff from the Oakland YMCA and Goodwill, and will be funded in part by the Technical Assistance Program of Sister Cities International.

Guinea-Bissau

ILO - Advisory mission in vocational rehabilitation

Mrs. Matilde Sampaio Maia (Portugal) undertook a mission in November/December to advise on the provision of rehabilitation services to disabled army veterans and handicapped civilians. A technical memorandum with recommendations for a disability survey and for further international assistance was submitted to the Government.

Kenya

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown undertook a brief mission in June in response to a request from the Ministry of Housing and Social Services to advise on the preparation

of a public information handbook on vocational rehabilitation services in the country. He also revised, upon Government request, a draft project document under which the ILO would provide long-term assistance in the further development of rehabilitation services in rural areas.

ILO - Fellowships to a training course

Fellowships were awarded to Mr. Joseph Muchina, Mr. Ambajo John Obudho, and Mr. Magachi Onyoni to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mr. George Ondieki was invited to participate in a UNESCO expert meeting in Paris, from 15 to 20 October, to advise the secretariat on the development of a long-term programme in special education.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI has provided for the purchase of a Braille machine for the blind.

ICEVH - Mission of a Swiss mobility and orientation instructor

For five weeks a Swiss mobility and orientation instructor visited the St. Lucy's School for the Blind, Egoji via Meru. Two sighted teachers, the blind teachers and ten students of the upper grades were given instruction in basic O and M techniques.

ICEVH - Teacher training centre

ICEVH is involved in locating a suitable expert to assist with the establishment of a permanent teacher training centre at Nairobi. The Centre will be developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Christoffel Blindenmission.

LRCS - Social welfare for the disabled

The Red Cross Committee at Mombasa carries out social welfare activities for the physically handicapped, with help from the German Red Cross (Germany, Federal Republic of).

RCSB - Administrative support

Until mid year, when he moved to the United Republic of Tanzania, the Society's East Africa regional representative was engaged mainly in administrative support to the Kenya Society for the Blind and in advising generally on activities which were jointly funded by KSB and RCSB.

RCSB - Placement and training

The Society's placement and training officer continued his work with the Kenya Ministry of Basic Education, in establishing a placement service and advising generally on rehabilitation services. A number of successful placements were made during the year, and plans have been made for an agricultural-training and resettlement project at Meru, starting with a pilot scheme in 1980.

CARE - Assistance to a workshop for the handicapped

CARE Canada is supporting the Bombolulu Gardens Workshop for the Handicapped, located near Mombasa. The workshop helps handicapped people who live and work on its grounds. They specialize in hand-crafted jewellery and sell their finished products at Nairobi, Mombasa and other major Kenyan cities.

Lesotho

WHO/UNDP - Development of rehabilitation services

A post was established for a medical officer to develop orthopaedic and rehabilitation services.

Liberia

LRCS - Night-time medical patrol for street boys

The Red Cross of Liberia is undertaking a project seeking to improve the health conditions of street boys, aged between 6 and 16 years, at Monrovia. Many suffer from chronic skin infections, intestinal parasites and severe malnutrition. The Canadian Red Cross supports the project financially.

ICGI - National vocational rehabilitation centre

The Director of Human Resources of the Baltimore Goodwill Industries visited Liberia in March 1979 at the request of the Superintendent of Bong County, where Baltimore's sister city of Gbarnga is located. The purpose of the three-week mission, financed by the Technical Assistance Programme of Sister Cities International, was to survey the need for and make recommendations concerning the creation of a national vocational rehabilitation centre in Bong County.

As a follow-up to this consultation, the Goodwill Director for Africa visited Liberia in November 1979 to draw up a draft plan for the creation of a national vocational rehabilitation and employment development centre, in co-operation with the Bong County Superintendent and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. The plan calls for a rural centre providing vocational training for all categories of disabled youth and adults, and helping the trainees create their own workshops and production farms.

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

UNESCO - Exploratory mission

Nils-Ivar Sundberg from the UNESCO secretariat undertook a short exploratory mission in February to discuss the development of a project in education of the deaf, under a funds-in-trust agreement.

UNESCO - Consultant mission

Mr. Per Gunnar Kahrstrom (Sweden) undertook a short-term mission in April/May to advise on the furnishing and equipment of a school for the deaf in Tripoli.

Madagascar

UNESCO - Educational equipment for the blind

Madagascar received teaching equipment valued at $7,000 for a school for the blind at Loharno-Antsirabé.

UNESCO - Support to the mentally retarded

A co-operative action project provides educational equipment for The White Orchids, an association of parents and friends of mentally handicapped children in Madagascar.

Malawi

ILO/UNDP - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Germain Jeckelmann (Switzerland) completed a one-year assignment as production workshop expert.

Mr. Geoffrey White (United Kingdom) took up his assignment as project manager in September.

In March and May, the ILO regional adviser, Mr. Brown (Canada), and ILO expert, Mr. Miettinen (Finland), undertook short-term advisory missions to Malawi.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Ms. Lyn Farrie Likagwa to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

ICEVH - Expert services

From April to July 1979, an ICEVH expert, seconded by the Christoffel Blindenmission, carried out an evaluation of the school programme of the Lulwe Mission School for the Blind at Nsanje. Some repair and construction work to improve the sanitary facilities was arranged, and a playground with PE apparatus was set up. Some basic seminars were conducted for the teachers on principles and methods of teaching blind children, and extra-curricular activities were introduced.

RCSB - Administrative support

The Society's Central Africa regional representative, based in Malawi, is Chairman of the Malawi Council for the Handicapped. He fills an administrative and advisory role to rehabilitation services in general.

RCSB - Assistance with resettlement of blind farmers

The Society's programme for assisting with the costs of resettling blind farmers continued in 1979 and has been budgeted for in 1980.

Mali

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mr. Ismail Konate participated in a UNESCO expert meeting, held in Paris from 15 to 20 October, to advise the secretariat of future developments in activities in special education in Mali.

WHO/UNCDF - Training of physical therapists

WHO staff visited the country to study the feasibility of creating a training school for physical therapists rehabilitation officers and of creating rehabilitation clinics in the provinces.

Mauritania

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled

A project designed in 1978 by the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), was implemented in 1979. It develops the production and distribution of prosthetic and orthopaedic appliances and trains national orthopaedic technicians. This project is being developed in collaboration with the Collège technique de Nouakchott and the League of the Red Cross Societies. A United Nations expert from the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development will be designated to this project in 1980.

ICGI - Vocational training projects for the handicapped

The National Union of the Physically and Mentally Handicapped of Mauritania (UNHPM) launched at Nouakchott two vocational training projects for physically handicapped persons - a tailoring and a typing workshop. The projects were first proposed during Goodwill consultative visits, and have been supported by the United States Embassy self-help fund and the Government of Mauritania.

An ILO small-industries expert conducted a pre-feasibility study in July 1979 of a small industry proposed by UNHPM for the production of envelopes and office supplies. Based on his recommendations, a month-long formal feasibility study funded by the United Nations Development Programme will be made, providing the basis for a possible UNHPM Goodwill Industries joint project.

Mauritius

UNICEF - Programmes for disabled children

UNICEF has been assisting a project for disabled children in this country.

ILO/UNDP - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Günter Tuttas (Germany, Federal Republic of) began a four-month ILO assignment in February; it was subsequently extended twelve months as an ILO/UNDP project. Mr. Tuttas is assisting the Government in the development of a national rehabilitation programme - in particular, the setting up of vocational training services at existing centres for physically handicapped and the planning of a new vocational rehabilitation centre at Beau Bassin.

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) undertook a short-term advisory mission in June to review with the Government the development of additional vocational rehabilitation services in the country.

Morocco

ILO - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Mohammed Rajhi (Tunisia) began a one-month mission in December to advise the Government on the development of vocational rehabilitation and employment services for blind and visually handicapped persons.

UNESCO - Consultant mission in education of the deaf

A two-month consultancy mission in the field of education of the deaf, which was supposed to be undertaken in October-December, has now been postponed to 1980. It will be undertaken by Mr. Marcel Gautie (France).

UNESCO - Fellowship

Miss Maria Arnor was awarded a nine-month fellowship to pursue studies in "psycho-re-education" at the Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris.

Mozambique

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

From 18 to 24 February 1979, the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), carried out an advisory mission to the Ministry of Health. Its aims were: to help establish, within the frame of the social and economic development of the country, the political rights and duties of disabled persons; and to set up a training curriculum in disability prevention and rehabilitation for social development personnel, with special attention to blind persons in the agricultural sector and to handicapped children in existing educational structures. A project document for the rehabilitation and integration of war victims and other handicapped persons was presented to the Government. It focused on the integration of disabled persons within existing UNDP projects, particularly in rural and agricultural development, on the training of health and educational personnel, and on the elimination of physical barriers in the field of housing.

Namibia

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

From 10 to 18 February 1979 the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), carried out a mission concerning disabled war victims of Namibia. A technical memorandum on disability prevention, rehabilitation and integration of disabled persons was presented to the South West Africa People's Organization, to the United Nations Council for Namibia and to the Senate of the United Nations Institute for Namibia, all based, at that time, at Lusaka, Zambia. The aims of the mission were to survey the needs for rehabilitation services for war victims and other disabled persons inside Namibia and for

those having sought refuge in neighbouring countries; to organize a concerted interagency action for the development of rehabilitation services, in particular at the community level; and to organize the training of rehabilitation personnel.

A project document for the rehabilitation and integration of war victims and other disabled persons was presented to the Council of Namibia with a view to utilizing rehabilitation resources in Namibia and neighbouring countries. This project could be financed through the establishment of a project trust fund for the rehabilitation and integration of disabled persons in Namibia.

Nigeria

WHO - Advisory mission on rehabilitation

WHO staff visited the country to advise on measures for the promotion and upgrading of national programmes related to research and training in orthopaedics and rehabilitation.

WHO - Collaborating Centre

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Training and Research in Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation was set up on the premises of the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Lagos. The objectives of the Centre are to promote and implement research, training and services in the field of rehabilitation in Nigeria and other developing countries.

ICEVH - Expert services

A Danish ICEVH expert visited the Nakam Memorial Secondary School for the Blind in Barakin Ladi for two months to assist the school with their integrated programme. He was also involved in maintaining and repairing a considerable amount of Braille writing equipment. Consideration is being given to what can be done to help similar schools for the blind in Africa, where doubtlessly large quantities of such material lie unused because of minor defects that none of the staff can repair.

Senegal

ILO - Follow-up visit of regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) undertook a brief mission in December to discuss with the Government possible ILO assistance in developing vocational rehabilitation services.

ILO - Travel grants

Mr. P.A. Fall and Mr. A. Khan received ILO fellowships to attend the World Conference of the International Federation of the Blind, which was held in July at Antwerp, Belgium.

ICGI - Workshop project for handicapped youth

The joint Goodwill Industries/National Foundation for Social Action of Senegal (FNASS) workshop project, providing vocational training and employment in shoe repair, began in February 1979 and is graduating six physically handicapped trainees every six months. The first six trainees have organized themselves as a small co-operative, and, using a revolving loan fund of the project, have opened a workshop at Dakar. The second group of trainees will open a workshop at the town of Thies.

During the year, plans were made to add a second training section in tailoring to the project, using a grant from the United States Embassy self-help fund and additional funds from PACT, which is partially financing the project for an initial two-year period.

Discussions were held during the year with the Director of the joint YMCA/Government of Senegal vocational training project at Dakar, regarding the inclusion of handicapped youth among the project's trainees. An agreement was reached in principle aimed at ensuring that 10 per cent of the trainees admitted would be handicapped, provided that the candidates were otherwise educationally qualified. Goodwill Industries will provide the project with a technical consultant to set up selection procedures and advise on any curriculum or equipment modifications that might be required.

Sierra Leone

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI has provided for the installation of a laboratory for the production of wheelchairs.

RCSB - Assistance with higher education of blind students

In 1979, the Society sponsored three blind university and four teacher-training students at the Fourah Bay College. The assistance will continue in 1980.

ICGI - National Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Development Plan

The co-ordinator of the Terre des Hommes Programme, acting as a part-time Goodwill consultant, continued to work with the National Association of Societies for the Handicapped (NASH) on the National Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Development Plan, the first draft of which was completed during the year. Mrs. Portelean Abdullah, chairperson of the Society for Mentally Retarded Children, visited the United States of America in February 1979 to learn about programmes and resources for retarded children and to consult with Goodwill staff about NASH activities.

Somalia

ILO - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Sat Paul Taneja (India) took up a six-month ILO-assisted assignment in October to follow up earlier ILO assistance and to advise the Somalia Government on the further development of rehabilitation services.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Ms. Medina Muhiddiu Mohamed to attend from January to April a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy.

WHO - Assistance in prosthetics

A short-term consultant was provided for the Orthotic and Occupational Therapy Workshop. Recruitment is in process for a full-time technical expert.

Sudan

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) carried out a brief mission in January to follow up on a previously prepared technical co-operation proposal.

ICEVH - Expert services

An ICEVH expert from Denmark visited the Sudan in July after an appeal for help was received from the Nile Province Association of the Blind. ICEVH is in the process of working out a feasible plan (to be presented to DANIDA) in order to assist the many blind children in the Sudan.

ICRC - Paraplegic and Head-injury Centre of the Erythrean Relief Association (ERA)

The Centre was opened by ERA at Port Sudan on 12 May 1979. ICRC assistance was started in June 1979 and terminated in March 1980. The ICRC personnel, consisting of three physiotherapists and one specialized nurse, served 160 patients in the Centre. The aims are to offer specialized treatment to paraplegic and hemiplegic patients, helping them to become as independent as possible and to move around by themselves, to further the production of orthotics and to train local personnel in nursing and physiotherapy. By the end of December 1979, eight patients (out of a total of 22) had become completely independent, seven semi-independent and four dependent. Out of 12 incomplete paraplegics, 10 had become totally independent.

WAGGGS - Programmes for handicapped children

A centre for mentally handicapped children, run by the Association, provides recreational and educational activities. The Association is also carrying out a public information campaign for the problems of handicapped children.

Swaziland

ILO/UNDP - Vocational rehabilitation project

Mr. Hiro R. Malkani (India) took up his one-year assignment in June as ILO/UNDP vocational rehabilitation expert. This project aims at setting up training facilities for handicapped persons.

UNESCO - Consultant services

Dr. Allan G. Roeher (Canada) will undertake a six-week consultancy mission in February-March 1980 to evaluate needs for special education and advise on the development of educational facilities and services in this field.

WHO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to a national from Swaziland for training in prosthetics manufacturing at Bangalore, India, in collaboration with the World Rehabilitation Fund.

Tunisia

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided assistance for a centre for the handicapped.

Uganda

ILO - Regional advisory services

Mr. Henry Brown (Canada) undertook a mission in September/October to advise the Government on the rebuilding and reorganization of rehabilitation services in the country. The provision of long-term ILO expert assistance is anticipated.

UNESCO - Fellowship in education of the deaf

Mr. Richard J. Oketch took up his studies on 10 September 1979 for a nine-month period at the University College, Dublin, Ireland, to follow a diploma course for teachers of the deaf.

RCSB - Educational and rehabilitative support

In addition to supporting the Iganga Training Centre for Teachers of the Blind and supplying educational equipment for blind children attending primary and secondary schools, RCSB, following the visit of the regional representative in September, was able to recommence support to the Salama Rural Training Centre. An expanded programme of aid to rehabilitation services has been budgeted for 1980.

United Republic of Tanzania

ILO/SIDA - Expert assistance in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. I. Niva, headquarters official, carried out a brief advisory mission in July as a follow-up to an earlier field assignment and to develop plans for a rehabilitation centre.

ILO - Fellowships to a training course

Fellowships were awarded to Mr. Jimmy Lwitiko Mapunga and Mr. Marianus Ndaka to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

UNESCO - Educational equipment for the deaf

Equipment for the communication between deaf persons, offered free by CANON, has been accepted by the School for the Deaf at Tabora.

LWF - Igabiro Centre

The LWF Community Development Service is providing support for the construction of a workshop and hostel, the installation of an electrical plant, and the purchase of farm equipment at the Igabiro Farmers' Training Centre and Home for the Disabled in Muleba District in the north-west part of the country. The Home for the Disabled accommodates 40 people, who, when able, engage in activities directed towards self-reliance.

LWF - Lutindi Mental Hospital

Funds are being provided through the LWF Community Development Services for the extension and remodeling of Lutindi Mental Hospital in Korogwe District, including, among other things, the establishment of facilities for occupational therapy.

RCSB - Administrative support

The move of the Society's regional representative to the United Republic of Tanzania was made in order to facilitate the expansion of the RCSB current programme of assistance with educational and vocational rehabilitation projects and to give administrative support to the Tanzanian Society for the Blind.

Upper Volta

UNESCO - Study stipend

Mr. Taherou Ouedraogo has been awarded a stipend for nine months of study during the academic year 1979/80 at the African Centre for the Training of Teachers of the Blind, at Tunis, Tunisia.

Zambia

ILO/Finland - Vocational rehabilitation project

This Finland-sponsored ILO project went into its second phase in 1979 under the project management of Mr. Kalevi Miettinen (Finland). In December, Mr. S. Matinvesi (Finland) successfully completed his one-year assignment as ILO associate expert at Ndola Rehabilitation Centre. Three more experts are to arrive in 1980. The goal of the project is to assist the Zambia Council for the Handicapped and the Workman's Compensation Board in the development of rehabilitation facilities in urban and rural areas.

ILO - Travel grant

Mr. E. Ngwale, General Secretary, Zambia Council for the Handicapped, was granted an ILO fellowship to attend the World Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, which was held at Antwerp, Belgium, in August.

ILO - Fellowships to a training course

Fellowships were awarded to Mr. Simasyikwe Mwetwa and Mr. George Tenati to attend a training course for rehabiliation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training, at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

Zimbabwe

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI carries the operational expenses of a centre for handicapped children.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provides orthopaedic equipment.

LWF - Training centres for the disabled and blind

Support is being provided through the LWF Community Development Service for two agricultural training centres at Gwanda and Fort Victoria, plus an agricultural settlement at Silalabuhwa, all run by the Jairos Jiri Association for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Blind. The funds being provided include a three-year operating subsidy which will pay for the drilling of a borehole at Gwanda and the purchase of welding and carpentry equipment, farm tools and seeds.

RCSB - Provision of Braille and educational material

RCSB continued with the programme of support to the Council for the Blind in providing Braille and educational material, and in 1980 intends to significantly expand its input consonant with the Council's widening of its activities in Zimbabwe.

B. Asia and the Pacific

1. Regional projects

United Nations - Missions of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled

During 1979, the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), undertook short-term advisory missions to the following countries, or prepared reports on missions carried out there at the end of 1978: Bahrain; Indonesia; Jordan; Saudi Arabia; and the Syrian Arab Republic. These missions are described under the appropriate headings.

United Nations - Missions of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled on behalf of UNRWA

Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic were visited by the United Nations interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), from 4 to 15 December 1979. UNRWA had requested the adviser to assist in identifying and assessing the need for rehabilitation programmes for disabled Palestine refugees and to analyse the existing social, medical and educational resources into which disabled refugees could be suitably integrated. The main objective was to develop "main-streaming" social policies for disabled refugees rather than segregative institutionalization of services.

Three sets of recommendations were made by the adviser. It was recommended to UNRWA headquarters that the effectiveness of their rehabilitation and integration strategies for disabled refugees be evaluated and, when necessary, modified. For the Jordanian field, it was recommended that the existing rehabilitation services be decentralized and the general social services and structures made accessible to disabled refugees. These operations should be based on data to be collected by a survey on the social consequences of disabilities. For the Syrian field, it was recommended that associations of disabled refugees be created in order to improve communications among them and to enhance their participation within their community.

UNRWA - Rehabilitation of physically disabled Palestine refugees

As part of its relief programme, UNRWA sponsors the rehabilitation of physically disabled Palestine refugees.

Because UNRWA is dependent on voluntary contributions and is chronically short of funds, its rehabilitation service covers only three categories of school-aged children: the visually disabled; the hard-of-hearing; and the physically handicapped. The service is an educational and training programme for integrating the three categories of refugees socially, educationally and economically within the life of their community.

The Agency places disabled refugee children as trainees in specialized institutions in the Middle East. The trainees benefit from new developments and projects undertaken in this field by Governments of the host countries and the voluntary agencies operating in the area.

For the school year 1979/80, 181 disabled children have been placed in various institutions in the Middle East: 88 blind, 77 deaf and 16 physically handicapped. Of these, 66 are placed free of charge: 60 are enrolled at the Pontifical Mission Centre for the Blind in the Gaza Strip, five at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf at Salt, Jordan, and one at al-Amal School for Disabled Children at Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic. The other 115 trainees are in institutions where UNRWA currently pays an average of $550 a year per trainee.

There are also other refugee children receiving education and training at no cost to UNRWA, in several government centres and private institutions for the blind, the deaf, the disabled and the mentally retarded at Amman, Jordan and Beirut, Lebanon.

During 1979, UNRWA started a system of periodic evaluation of trainees in institutions and of the institutions themselves.

In 1979, UNRWA conducted a survey in order to ascertain the total number of disabled children among the refugee population. A preliminary result of the survey has been the identification of approximately 3,500 disabled persons under the age of 25 years in a total registered refugee population of about 1,800,000 persons. When the results of the survey have been analysed, it is hoped that more children can be assisted by UNRWA if sufficient funds can be found.

The interregional advisor in rehabilitation of the disabled, from the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, is carrying out a study of the UNRWA rehabilitation programme for the disabled with a view to providing advice on improving the programme's effectiveness.

During 1979, 17 students completed their training - 10 blind, three deaf and four physically handicapped. Of the 22 students who completed their training in 1978, 13 found employment, two continued with further vocational training, one joined a normal school and one is receiving higher education.

Due to lack of funds, UNRWA is unable to help the mentally retarded - other than providing custody and in-patient care for a number of mentally-retarded patients in specialized institutions - because the rehabilitation of this category of disabled is often expensive and of long duration.

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Willi Momm (Germany, Federal Republic of) completed his assignment in August. During the year he provided short-term assistance in the planning, organization and development of services in vocational rehabilitation for the physically and mentally disabled to the Governments of Bangladesh, Hong Kong and the Philippines. He also advised the Government of Thailand on several occasions on the development of vocational rehabilitation services for the disabled.

UNESCO - Regional seminar in special education

In collaboration with the UNESCO regional office for education in Asia and Oceania, a regional seminar will be organized on special education in this region in 1980.

ILSMH - Fourth Asian Conference on Mental Retardation, 1979

This conference, organized by the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded, an associate member of ILSMH, with the participation of the ILSMH, was held at Kuala Lumpur, Malysia, from 5 to 9 November 1979 with the general theme "Integration of the mentally retarded in our community". It was attended by 180 participants from 14 countries of Asia and the South Pacific region.

ILSMH - Second South Pacific Regional Conference on Mental Handicaps, 1981

This conference, tentatively planned for September 1981, is to be organized under the auspices of the ILSMH by its member national society in Australia. It might be held at Melbourne, Australia, with the theme "Access to community life".

ILSMH - Second Pacific Forum on Mental Retardation, 1981

This conference is to be organized jointly by the President's Committee on Mental Retardation, ILSMH, and the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded. It is planned for November 1981 and will be held on Kauai Island, Hawaii.

ILSMH - Fifth Asian Conference on Mental Retardation, 1981

This conference will be held at Hong Kong in December 1981. It will be organized, with the participation of ILSMH, by its associate member, the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded.

ILSMH - Regional Conference on Mental Retardation, 1981

This conference, planned for May 1981, is to be held at Bangalore, India, jointly sponsored by ILSMH and IASSMD (International Association on the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency) and organized by the Indian Association for Research in Mental Deficiency.

RCSB - Tour by the Deputy Director

The Deputy Director visited India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka in March/April 1979.

RCSB - Regional advisory services

Regional advisory services covering the rehabilitation, training, placement and resettlement of blind adults and the education of blind children are provided in Southern Asia by Dr. Rajendra Vyas, based at Bombay, and in South-East Asia by Mr. William Brohier, based at Penang. The Society's Liaison Officer for Bangladesh is Mr. Abu Siddique, who is based at Dacca. All three officers will continue in their appointments during 1980.

RCSB - Training of teachers of the blind

A four-week course in mathematics and science was held in 1979 at the RECSAM Centre, Penang, for teachers from South-East Asian countries, and the Society plans to hold a further course at the Centre on orientation and mobility, maintenance of Braille equipment and manufacture of teaching aids in 1980.

WFD - Enquiry on conditions of deaf people in Asia

An enquiry is being conducted in Asia by Dr. A. Nandy to examine the conditions, laws and governmental subsidies with reference to deaf people and to institutes concerned with deafness.

ICGI - Asian Goodwill Industries Conference

An Asian Conference of Goodwill Industries is scheduled for from 8 to 11 April 1980, at Tokyo, Japan. This seminar will include an exchange of programme activities in various countries and an exploration of country and regional priorities.

WRF - Regional courses in prosthetics and orthotics and fellowships

The Fifth Basic Course in Prosthetics and Orthotics took place at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, India, from July to November 1979. The First Basic Course in Prosthetics and Orthotics took place at the International Prosthetic and Orthotic Training Centre in Taiwan Province, from February to June 1979.

Fellowships to attend the Fifth Basic Course were provided to two participants from Bahrain, five from India, two from Indonesia, two from Nepal and one from Swaziland. Fellowships to attend the First Basic Course were provided to one participant from Fiji, one from Korea, one from New Hebrides, one from Papua New Guinea, one from the Philippines, one from the Solomon Islands, two from Western Samoa, and four from Taiwan Province.

WRF - Consultation services

Mr. Sohen Singh Wason and Mr. Samuel Vethamani, instructors at the WRF Regional Training Centre in Prosthetics and Orthotics at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore, provided brief consultation services to India in January and March, and (Mr. Vethamani) to Nepal in February.

Mr. Juan Monros, WRF Director of Field Services, provided brief consultation services in May 1979 to the Philippines.

WRF - Assistance in prosthetics and orthotics

In connection with the Fifth Basic Course in Prosthetics and Orthotics, tools, supplies, books and artificial limbs were provided to India, with the shipments being made through Catholic Relief Services.

Shipments of prosthetic orthotic equipment, supplies, and textbooks were provided to the International Prosthetic and Orthotic Training Centre in Taiwan Province. Prosthetic equipment and supplies were provided to OAGI Hospital of the Ministry of Health, Solomon Islands, to establish a new workshop.

WRF - Assistance in occupational therapy

A number of publications on occupational therapy were provided for the medical library at the Army Hospital-Gatot Soebroto, Djakarta, Indonesia.

A shipment of occupational therapy equipment and supplies was provided to the Perpetual Help Medical Center in Manila, Philippines.

WRF - Assistance and fellowships in rehabilitation medicine

In September 1979, Dr. Tyrone M. Reyes and Dr. Ofelia Reyes of Santo Tomas University Hospital, Manila, conducted a survey of hospitals in Indonesia, and provided consultation services on the establishment of a residency training programme in rehabilitation medicine in Indonesia, to be sponsored by WRF.

Fellowships were provided for three physicians from the Philippines to receive training in a two-year residency programme in rehabilitation medicine, sponsored by the WRF, at the Santo Tomas University Hospital, Manila.

2. Country Projects

Afghanistan

WHO - Assistance in orthotics

Supplies and equipment were provided.

ICEVH - Expert services

Following an appeal for help from the Kabul Institute for the Blind, an ICEVH expert was sought and found to help them set up an adequate curriculum for their 100 students, to counsel the teachers and to help them start a rehabilitation programme for the blind. The implementation was postponed, owing to local problems.

Australia

ICGI - Vocational training and employment opportunities

Goodwill has affiliated members in Australia which provide vocational training and employment opportunities in the areas of electrical assembly, food preparation/service, furniture manufacture/repair, laundry/dry cleaning, mechanical assembly, printing, sales clerk/cashier, sewing/tailoring/knitting, typing/secretarial, woodwork and carpentry. These facilities are located at Adelaide, Leichhardt, New South Wales and Mt. Hawthorn.

Bahrain

United Nations - Expert mission on rehabilitation and integration of the disabled

Mr. Raymond Campbell, a United Nations expert on the administration and planning of rehabilitation and integration activities for the disabled, undertook this mission from April 1979 to March 1980 to co-ordinate and assist in social and economic integration activities for disabled persons, assist in the preparation of the national programme for IYDP and the establishment of national legislation for the rehabilitation and integration of the disabled, and plan and co-ordinate activities and programmes in invalidity prevention. One of the achievements of the mission was the design of administrative procedures for the new Centre for the Retarded, Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Esa Town, Bahrain. Plans were also initiated for the establishment of a high committee for the planning and administration of all programmes for the disabled, handicapped and impaired. The Bahrain Census Bureau will include in its 1980 national census questions on incidence of handicaps for specific areas of impairment, worked out in agreement with government personnel and the United Nations adviser on rehabilitation. Finally, a National Committee for IYDP was set up, composed of representatives of the ministries of labour, social affairs, education, transportation, commerce and agriculture, and health, of Mobility International and of El-Noor, a Pan-Arabic association of blind persons.

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

The first phase of the Inter-Agency Project on Rehabilitation of the Disabled, designed in 1978, with the participation of the United Nations adviser, was implemented in 1979. Experts from the ILO, UNESCO and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development are participating in this multidisciplinary project.

UNICEF - Programmes for disabled children

UNICEF has been assisting a project for disabled children in this country.

ILO/UNESCO/United Nations - Rehabilitation project

In November Mr. Mike Mugharbel (United States) began a two-year assignment in a long-term interagency project concerned with the development of a national programme of education, pre-vocational preparation, rehabilitation, training and employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons.

UNESCO - Exploratory mission

Ms. Lena Saleh from the UNESCO secretariat undertook a short-term visit in March to Bahrain to discuss the beginning phase of the Rehabilitation Centre for the Disabled, a UNDP-funded project, with UNESCO as executing agency, in co-operation with ILO and DTCD.

UNESCO - Rehabilitation centre for the disabled

A multipurpose rehabilitation centre for handicapped children and young people is under preparation and will start its activity programme with students in April. Mr. Youssef Karoui (Tunisia) was appointed Director of Operational Assistance and team leader in June. Dr. Raymond Campbell (United States), DTCD expert in planning and administration, took up his duties in April. Mr. Mike Mugharbel (United States), ILO expert in vocational rehabilitation, started his work in November. Mr. Faouzi Zribi (Tunisia), United Nations volunteer in education of the mentally retarded, was appointed in December. This is a new pilot project in the country, financed by UNDP. There are three units in the Centre, one for education of the mentally retarded, one for the hearing impaired and the vocational training unit.

Bangladesh

UNICEF - Programmes assisted by UNICEF

UNICEF has been assisting programmes for disabled children and for the control of blindness due to vitamin A deficiency in this country.

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Willi Momm (Germany, Federal Republic of) paid a short visit in April to advise the Government on the establishment and organization of new rehabilitation services.

ILO - Travel grant

Mr. M.A. Chowdhuri, Executive Director, Bangladesh National Society for the Blind, was granted an ILO fellowship to attend the World Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind which was held at Antwerp, Belgium, in August.

LWF - Leprosy rehabilitation project

The LWF Community Development Service is providing support to an extensive leprosy programme which comprises a 25-bed hospital, facilities for physical therapy and occupational therapy, an educational centre, a laboratory, and a rehabilitation centre at Nilphamari, Rangpur District.

RCSB - Support to the National Society for the Blind

The Society's support to the costs of administration of the Bangladesh National Society for the Blind continued during 1979, as did its financing for the construction of hostels for blind children attending schools in open education. The Society is expanding its assistance for the latter in 1980.

Burma

UNICEF - Programmes for children

UNICEF assisted a programme for disabled children in this country.

ILO - Mission in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Edward Sackstein, ILO headquarters official, undertook a short consultancy mission in January/February to review the progress of the project of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control in the rehabilitation of drug-dependent persons.

ILO - Study fellowships in vocational rehabilitation

Two three-months fellowships were awarded to U Kyi and U Taung Shwe to study rehabilitation services for drug-dependent persons in Hong Kong, the Philippines and Malaysia.

China

ICGI - Study tour by United States vocational rehabilitation leaders

In August 1979, Goodwill sponsored a study tour to China for a group of vocational rehabilitation leaders from the United States. The primary motives in putting together the tour were desire to learn more about rehabilitation philosophy and programmes in China, to assess the "aptness" of United States experience for China, to share and exchange with the hosts some of the participants' personal knowledge, experience and techniques in this field, and to form a means for the exchange of information and expertise.

Fiji

ILO - Vocational rehabilitation project

Mr. Franz Pletsch (Germany, Federal Republic of) associate expert, continued his assignment to develop a production workshop for the disabled and advise the Government on the expansion of rehabilitation services.

RCSB - Support to educational facilities

The Society continued to support the hostel and school for blind children at Vatuwaqa, near Suva, and will do so again in 1980.

Hong Kong

ILO - Regional advisory services

The ILO regional vocational rehabilitation expert, Mr. Willi Momm (Germany, Federal Republic of) undertook a short mission to Hong Kong in April and discussed proposals for the future development of rehabilitation services in Hong Kong, including ILO/UNDP assistance.

UNESCO - Training programme of speech therapy personnel

Dr. Hans J. Priester (United States) carried out the second and final period of three months of a UNDP-financed project to develop a training programme of speech therapy personnel and a language test through the standardization of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, for Cantonese-speaking children in Hong Kong.

RCSB - Assistance to the Workshop for the Blind, Kowloon

The Society will continue in 1980 to meet the cost of the Workshop manager's salary, as part of its support for rehabilitation services in Hong Kong.

WAGGGS - Orientation course on mental retardation

Over 50 commissioners, guiders, rangers and girl guides attended an orientation course on mental retardation, arranged by the Association. Professional staff from the Hong Kong Association for Mentally Handicapped Children and Young Persons gave talks on the characteristics of the mentally retarded, the needs of the retarded and their family, and on how volunteers can help.

India

UNICEF - Programmes for disabled children

UNICEF is giving assistance to a programme for disabled children in this country.

WHO - Assistance in medical rehabilitation

A short-term consultant assigned to the All-India Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Bombay, advised on the organization of research and training and the development of orthotic and prosthetic appliances from indigenous material. He also demonstrated the need to develop appropriate patterns of rehabilitation aids relevant to local social and cultural practices.

A WHO-assisted sample survey to assess the pattern of disability was carried out at Orissa, and the data are being analysed.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided for an ambulance especially equipped to transport handicapped persons.

ICEVH - Expert services

An ICEVH expert from the United States visited South India for an evaluation of the educational situation of the blind. All necessary steps have been taken to begin a pilot project of integrated education in early 1980 at Coinbatore.

ICEVH - Donation

ICEVH donated to the Red Cross School for the Blind at Berhampur, Orissa, a Marburg Braille duplicator to provide the blind children of Orissa with text books in the Oriya language.

LWF - Simon Gardens Leprosy Village

Funds channelled through the LWF Community Development Service are being utilized for the construction of a children's hostel and the development of agricultural and handicraft activities at the Simon Gardens Leprosy Village, located in East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

LWF - Elementary school at Leprosy Mission Hospital

The LWF Community Development Service is providing support for the construction of a five-classroom elementary school for children undergoing treatment at the Leprosy Mission Hospital Vadathorasalur, Tiyagadrug, South Arcot District, Tamilnadu.

LWF - Aid for research on mentally handicapped children

Through its Lutheran World Service/India programme, the LWF Department of World Service has provided financial support for the Institute of Psychological and Education Research for mentally handicapped children at Calcutta.

RCSB - General activities

The Society continued to support the following projects:

(a) Nutritional rehabilitation units at Sitapur, Allahabad, Bareilly, Madurai and Anand;

(b) Placement services in Kerala, Gujarat, Bangalore, Tanil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal;

(c) The fund-raising department of the Indian National Association for the Blind;

(d) The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness;

(e) The resettlement of blind farmers at Phansa, Maharastra;

(f) The Rehabilitation Centre for Blind Women in Kerala.

In 1980, the Society will also be supporting the training of blind physio-therapists at Bombay and self-employment schemes of the National Association for the Blind.

WAGGGS - Centre for handicapped children

Bharat Scouts and Guides (West Bengal) have started a project for the construction of a new building for a day-care centre for 60 physically and mentally handicapped children. The centre will provide education, training and recreation.

HKI - Consultative visit

A follow-up consultative visit was made to Madurai, India, in 1979 to evaluate the progress of HKI-trained rehabilitation workers.

Indonesia

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

The United Nations interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), carried out this mission from 8 to 18 November 1978; his report was distributed in 1979. The aims of the mission were: to formulate recommendations for the decentralization of existing specialized institutions; to set up a community placement programme for disabled persons; and to organize a system of distribution of the orthopaedic appliances produced in the country.

A project document on juridical assistance for the protection of the rights of the disabled and one on the decentralization of national production of orthopaedic appliances were submitted to the Government.

UNICEF - Programmes for children

UNICEF has been assisting a programme for disabled children in this country.

ILO - Vocational rehabilitation project

Mr. I. Niwa (Japan) began a two-year project in September to assist the Government in strengthening rehabilitation services, particularly in rural areas, and in improving the opportunities for the productive employment of rehabilitated persons.

UNESCO - Education equipment

Equipment, valued at $3,500, for the education of blind children in Indonesia was provided.

WHO - Survey on disability

A community survey to assess the magnitude and pattern of disability in Java, Sumatra and Sulawesi is almost completed. A total of almost 5,000 households have been surveyed, and the results are being analysed.

ICEVH - Expert services

In January 1979, two experts from Australia visited the Helen Keller International Project, which, in co-operation with the Indonesian Government, is training teachers for blind children, developing procedures for making educational aids, creating a permanent mobility programme and introducing integrated education. Particular emphasis was placed on counselling parents of pre-school blind children and on the teacher-training programme for teachers for integrated education.

HKI - Rehabilitation and integrated education training

Special training programmes by HKI were conducted in Indonesia for blind teachers, to assist them in providing rehabilitation services for the blind.

At Bandung, Indonesia, HKI gave technical assistance throughout 1979 for the Government's project to improve and expand educational services to the blind and visually disabled. Initiated in 1978, this pilot project provides community-based services for blind and visually disabled children, and includes special teacher training in integrated education for blind youngsters. This project will be under way through 1981.

Iran

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mrs. Samineh Baghsheban was invited to participate in the UNESCO expert meeting, held in Paris from 15 to 20 October, to advise the Organization on future developments in its special education programme.

Iraq

ILO - Fellowships to a training course

Fellowships were awarded to Mr. Saadi Toufik Abdul Ghaffar, Mr. Jabbar D. Dahham, Mr. Noori Ali Mohammad and Mr. Mohamad Ibrahim Sami to

attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

UNESCO - Consultant mission

Mr. Youssef Karoui (Tunisia) undertook a six-week consultancy mission in March and April for training in modern teaching techniques for handicapped children.

UNESCO - Fellowship in psychological testing

Mr. Zaid Chayid was awarded a six-month fellowship for training in psychological testing at the Institute of Education, London, and at the Mölndal School of Education, Sweden.

Japan

ICGI - Vocational training and employment opportunities

Approximately 100 handicapped persons live at the Agape Workshop, founded in 1964. They are paid a living allowance by the Government while they prepare to enter society. Those at the Itabashi factory, founded in 1974, earn an income through their work, receiving little allowance from the Government. The Agape Workshop provides services to handicapped persons in counselling, vocational skills, training and placement. The Itabashi factory for the physically handicapped provides sheltered employment and provides vocational training in micro-photography and blue printing.

Jordan

ILO/UNDP - Expert in vocational rehabilitation

Ms. Helena Larek (Poland) completed a 12-month assignment in April. She advised the Government on the development of vocational assessment and rehabilitation services for physically and mentally handicapped persons and on the organization of production workshop facilities.

ILO - Fellowship for international study

Mr. Aziz Daoud received a three-month fellowship to study assessment and rehabilitation services in Sweden and the United Kingdom.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Mr. Ahmad Mohammad Al-Lafi to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

WHO - Disability surveys

A survey on genetic factors related to disability is being performed in collaboration with the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jordan, Amman. A survey of registered disabled persons in Jordan is being carried out in co-operation with the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund.

WHO - Rehabilitation of handicapped children

A consultant, Dr. Ted Cantrell (United Kingdom), visited Jordan for three months to co-operate in the implementation of a community programme for children with cerebral palsy.

CI - Special programmes for the handicapped

CI provided assistance to a centre for the handicapped and held a training course for personnel working in the field of disability.

Lao People's Democratic Republic

UNICEF - Programmes for disabled children

UNICEF has been assisting a programme for disabled children in Lao.

WHO - Rehabilitation of the physically handicapped

A technical officer, Dr. Zbigniev Kalinowski, has been assigned to assist in training at various levels at the School of Medicine and the School of Physiotherapy, among others. He will also assist in clinical work and studies of posture and disability and of physical development of school children in Vientianne. Two booklets for teaching and a manual have been produced.

Lebanon

UNICEF - Programmes for children

UNICEF has been assisting a programme for disabled children.

ILO - Fellowships to a training course

Fellowships were awarded to Mr. Rashad Sabah Ariss, Mr. Fouad Khalil Haddad and Ms. Josephine Khoueiry to enable them to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

UNESCO - Exploratory mission

Ms. Lena Saleh from the UNESCO secretariat participated in an exploratory mission in Lebanon in December to assist the Government in identifying needs in the field of education of the handicapped and in the development of projects especially for southern Lebanon.

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mrs. Wadad Lahoud participated in an expert meeting at UNESCO headquarters quarters, from 15 to 20 October, to advise the Organization on its future programme in special education.

WHO - Assistance to a rehabilitation centre

Recruitment is in process for the rehabilitation centre at Tripoli. Supplies and equipment were provided.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided assistance to a centre for the handicapped.

LRCS - Projects for the disabled

A number of projects for drug dependents and the physically disabled are going on with help from the Red Cross in the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland. The Netherlands Red Cross has provided crutches and wheelchairs and the German Red Cross (Germany, Federal Republic of) has also donated wheelchairs.

Malaysia

ICEVH - Overseas training

Two members of the staff of the St. Nicholas School for the Blind at Penang (a teacher and a house assistant) have been selected for overseas training in England in 1980 (sponsored by the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind). ICEVH will be responsible for their transport to England.

RCSB - General activities

The Society's financial support was given to the following projects in 1979:

(a) Peninsula Malaysia - training and resettlement of blind farmers at Taman Harapan (National Association for the Blind), employment schemes (Society of the Blind in Western Malaysia) and educational equipment;

(b) Sabah - administrative costs of the Sabah Society for the Blind and its rehabilitation centre at Taman Cuhaya;

(c) Sarawak - administrative costs of the Sarawak Society for the Blind.

In 1980, RCSB plans to expand its aid to include a homeworker's scheme at Penang, placement services and assistance with construction of a two-storey workshop for the blind in Sarawak.

Mongolia

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF has been giving assistance to a programme for disabled children in Mongolia.

Pakistan

WHO - Assistance to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre

A short-term consultant was provided for the training programme in physiotherapy.

Philippines

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF has been giving assistance to a programme for disabled children.

ILO/UNDP - Vocational rehabilitation project

A rehabilitation project providing for 12 months of expert assistance was endorsed by the Government and UNDP. The ILO/UNDP expert will take up the post in 1980.

UNESCO - Travel grant

Mrs. Dolores Pescual participated in an expert meeting at UNESCO headquarters from 15 to 20 October, to advise the Organization on the long-term development of its special education programme.

WHO - Survey of handicapped and disabled population

A nation-wide survey using a 10 per cent sample of the population has been planned to determine the extent, distribution and characteristics of the population who are handicapped/disabled. The data will be used for planning and implementing rehabilitation services.

CI - Special programmes for the handicapped

CI provided for the enlargement of a therapeutic centre and gave assistance to a small centre for the handicapped.

ICEVH - Funds and experts

ICEVH is now acting as liaison between several donor agencies in order to secure funds and experts for aid programmes in the Philippines.
Dr. Kurt Kristensen, following his visit to the Philippines last year, has organized a study-cum-training visit for three Filipino teachers in Denmark.

WVF - Grant to a rehabilitation centre

Through the intermediary of the Netherlands member associations of the WVF, a grant was made to help equip the Veterans Rehabilitation and Convalescent Center, Manila.

CARE - Project to assist handicapped adults

CARE is co-operating with the Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled in a venture known as Handi-Phil, a small manufacturing firm in Manila that trains and employs more than 20 disabled adults. The sewing machine operators, trimmers and cutters - all handicapped - turn out highly marketable denim products. Some of the workers are deaf, some are amputees, and others suffer from partial paralysis and congenital disorders. Previously considered unemployable, they earn a modest income and make a valuable contribution to community improvement. It is projected that, by 1981 (International Year of Disabled Persons), Handi-Phil will be completely independent.

HKI - Rehabilitation of the rural blind

HKI continued to give technical assistance to the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) for a demonstration model for a rehabilitation delivery system for the rural blind in Tarlac Province. This demonstration project proved so successful that HKI expanded its assistance in 1979 to inaugurate a second rehabilitation project in Laguna Province, to assist the Government in providing basic living skills for blind adults in this rural area. The Government has requested HKI's assistance in establishing a nation-wide system of similar rural programmes for the blind, which can be expanded to include all 12 regions of the country.

ICGI - Vocational training and employment opportunities

Goodwill in the Philippines is dedicated to the rehabilitation of handicapped persons through vocational training, placement and marketing programmes. Vocational training is provided in mechanical assembly, furniture manufacture/repair, typing/secretarial, radio/TV repair, sales clerk/cashier, woodwork/carpentry, and clock/watch repair.

Trainees are taught to repair and recycle discarded donated items into reusable goods, which are then sold in the 672-square-metre Goodwill Thrift Shop managed by a husband and wife team - both of whom are disabled. The disabled come to Goodwill to register their particular skills, and the office in turn supplies the appropriate items for them to repair and recycle for resale in the Thrift Shop. In addition, Goodwill maintains a roster of registered employable handicapped persons, including typists, clerks, bookkeepers, tailors, mechanics and electronic mechanics. This registration system has enabled Goodwill to place 25 persons in outside jobs in 1979.

Qatar

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF gave assistance to a programme for disabled children.

Republic of Korea

LRCS - Speech therapy

The Republic of Korea National Red Cross has a programme of speech therapy for children suffering from congenital deformities (cleft palate). Equipment was bought with assistance received from the Netherlands Red Cross.

ICGI - Vocational training and employment opportunities

Goodwill's affiliate, located at Seoul, provides vocational training and employment to handicapped persons in mechanical assembly, sewing/tailoring/knitting and jewellery. The International Council has proven helpful in assisting the Korean affiliation to merchandize their jewellery in the United States.

Samoa

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF gave assistance to a programme for disabled children.

Saudi Arabia

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

This mission was carried out by the United Nations interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), from 24 November to 11 December 1978; his report was distributed in 1979. Recommendations were made on sports equipment and activities especially adapted to disabled persons; on the training of personnel for the development of physical recreational activities for disabled persons; and on the elaboration of the national programme for International Year of Disabled Persons, 1981.

A project document on the development of sports and other physical recreational activities for the handicapped has been presented to the Government of Saudi Arabia.

ILO - Vocational rehabilitation project

A government request has been made for ILO expert assistance in the co-ordination of rehabilitation services and the establishment of a new vocational rehabilitation centre.

WHO - Assistance to rehabilitation centre

An orthopaedic technician and a physiotherapist continue to work at the Rehabilitation Centre at Riyadh. Recruitment is in process for a medical rehabilitation specialist to expand the work.

Sri Lanka

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF gave assistance to a programme for disabled children.

ILO - Regional advisory services

The ILO regional expert for training women and disabled persons, Ms. Carola Donner-Reichle (Germany, Federal Republic of), visited Sri Lanka in September and December and discussed with the Government possible future developments in both sectors.

ILO - Fellowships

ILO fellowships were granted to Mr. Bienvido Magnaye, Mrs. Marita Capadocia, Mr. Atty Zoilo V. Dela Cruz and Mr. Rolando F. Villacorte, who went on a three-week study tour to Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan to visit various rehabilitation facilities.

RCSB - Support to National Council for the Blind

The Society's financial assistance covered salaries for Braille and talking-book production staff and educational equipment for blind children. In 1980 this aid will be expanded to assist the Government's low-vision programme in the schools and the Council's welfare grants.

Syrian Arab Republic

ILO - Advisory mission

Mr. Edward Johnson (United Kingdom) carried out a short consultancy mission in June/July to advise the Government on the implementation of rehabilitation legislation and the further development of the vocational rehabilitation centre at Berze.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Mr. Adnan Shihneh to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

UNESCO - Preparatory mission

A short visit was undertaken by Ms. Lena Saleh of the UNESCO secretariat in April, concerning the ongoing UNDP/UNESCO project, Institute for the Deaf, and for the preparation of phase II of the project, which is expected to start in March 1980, financed under UNDP by about $270,000.

UNESCO - Consultant mission in education of the deaf

Mr. Kenneth Eklindh (Sweden) undertook a six-week mission in May-June for the Institute for the Deaf, primarily to advise on educational equipment and the training of teachers.

UNESCO - Consultant mission in education of the mentally retarded

A two-month consultancy for the training of teachers in the education of mentally retarded children will be undertaken in 1980.

Taiwan Province

ICGI - Vocational training and employment opportunities

Goodwill Industries in Taiwan Province was founded in December 1967. It offers vocational training and employment opportunities to handicapped persons in the area of mechanical assembly, printing, sewing/tailoring/knitting and typing/secretarial.

Thailand

ILO - Mission in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Edward Sackstein, ILO headquarters official, undertook a short consultancy mission in February to advise the Government on the development of rehabilitation programmes for drug-dependent persons.

ILO - Regional advisory services

In July, the ILO regional expert, Mr. Willi Momm (Germany, Federal Republic of), organized, together with the Labour Department and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (Germany, Federal Republic of), a national seminar on accident compensation and rehabilitation and advised the Workmen's Compensation Fund on the setting-up of vocational rehabilitation facilities for disabled workers.

LRCS - Mobile eye clinic

A mobile eye clinic staffed by a team of specialists from the Swiss Red Cross, with financial support from the Swiss Confederation, and Entraide protestante Suisse, provides care for two refugee camps in the region of Nong Khai, and for the local population.

Turkey

ICEVH - Fund raising

Following the visit of Mr. Stein and Mr. Tooze, ICEVH is making efforts to raise funds for the school's integrated education scheme. Negotiations are under way with ICCO/Holland.

United Arab Emirates

UNICEF - Programme for disabled children

UNICEF gave assistance to a programme for disabled children.

Viet Nam

WHO - Assistance in rehabilitation activities

Following the country visit of WHO staff, plans have been developed for WHO co-operation in national activities, including provision of equipment for the Tam Diep Orthopaedic Centre.

LRCS - Pediatric centre

The Swiss Red Cross has built a pediatric centre in the Danang Province and a polyclinic in Halam.

C. Europe and Northern America

1. Regional projects

United Nations - Network of national correspondents for social welfare research of the European Programme for Social Development

During 1979 the Network of National Correspondents for Social Welfare Research of the European Programme for Social Development of the Division of Social Affairs at Geneva contributed to the collection of material to be used for the CSDHA survey on the situation of severely disabled persons in their communities.

ILO - European Symposium on Work for the Disabled - vocational rehabilitation and employment creation

The Symposium was organized jointly by the Governments of Poland and Sweden in collaboration with the ILO. It was held from 21 May to 1 June (one week in each country). Specialists from 23 European countries and organizations exchanged experiences and information on vocational rehabilitation programmes for the disabled. The development of new approaches to problems of employment creation was discussed.

WHO - Disability among the elderly

The specific problems related to disability among the elderly were dealt with through an extensive programme based at the regional office for Europe.

RI - Third European Regional Conference, 1981

The Third European Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International will take place at Vienna, from 6 to 10 April 1981. It will be one of the major manifestations during International Year of Disabled Persons, proclaimed by the United Nations. The Conference will be organized in close co-operation between RI and the Austrian Workers' Compensation Board (Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt). The general theme will be "the handicapped person in society". Numerous experts from all over the world will be addressing this Conference and presenting the latest scientific discoveries as well as proposals for future projects and activities in this far-reaching social and humanitarian sphere of activity.

The general theme is divided into three complementary topics:

(a) Prevention and medical rehabilitation as a task of social medicine;

(b) The situation of disabled persons in the framework of education and vocational training systems;

(c) Social rehabilitation/integration.

Apart from the plenary sessions and poster sessions, a number of different working groups are planned on the above topics. In the framework of the workshops, there should be ample opportunity to examine specific problems of disabled persons and to discuss new approaches in rehabilitation theory and practice with experts in this field.

WCWB - Review of the European blind

The Secretariat of the European Regional Committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind issues this quarterly publication. There are also editions of the Review in Braille and on tape.

WVF - Accessibility guidelines

In following-up the background studies for drawing up accessibility guidelines, contacts have been made with the European Economic Community on the possibility of its assistance in the elaboration of the guidelines document and on a number of other subjects related to rehabilitation, including comparative studies and possibilities of co-ordinating social welfare legislation and programmes for handicapped persons.

2. Country projects

Denmark

WAGGGS - Training centre for children

The Association runs a training centre for handicapped and non-handicapped children. The two groups have been working together very successfully.

France

WVF - Accessibility of public transportation and of buildings

The report of the Interministerial Working Group created in France to study measures for making public transportation more accessible, in which the WVF has participated through INTER ACCENT, has been adopted by the Government of France and made the subject of an official publication. A Liaison Committee on Transportation for the Handicapped has been set up, to facilitate relations between the Administration and the handicapped, transportation operators, and manufacturers of vehicles, and INTER ACCENT has been designated to serve on it. A working group set up within the Committee to define accessibility criteria for public transportation has obtained official approval for a survey of public transportation difficulties, with a view to taking measures to improve accessibility. WVF, also through INTER ACCENT, participates in the Liaison Committee for the Accessibility of Public and Private Buildings.

German Democratic Republic

WHO - Functioning of national rehabilitation services

A project undertaken by the Institute of Hygiene, Martin-Luther University at Halle-Wittenberg, will study the effect of the long-term commitment of public health/social security and specialized rehabilitation facilities to providing rehabilitation for all. The sample is country-wide, randomly selected and includes about 1,000 persons in each of the following groups of disabled: the blind; schizophrenic patients; myocardial infarct patients; and patients with breast cancer.

Greece

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided assistance to a rehabilitation centre.

LRCS - Thalassanaemia treatment

The Hellenic Red Cross treats children and young people suffering from thalassanaemia. It receives help in the form of red-blood-cell concentrates from the Swiss Red Cross.

Israel

LWF - Sheltered workshops for the blind

The LWF Department of World Service provides facilities in Jerusalem and Bethlehem for 20 blind men engaged in small-scale manufacturing. No funds are contributed, since the workers themselves earn enough to be self supporting. In addition, the LWF programme in this area occasionally makes available small loans to assist disabled persons.

CARE - Assistance to youth rehabilitation centres

Equipment was provided to various rehabilitation centres which offer vocational training to educationally retarded young people. Many are emotionally disturbed, and a large percentage border on mental retardation. The centres are designed to aid in the rehabilitation of delinquency-prone or ill-adjusted youths.

Italy

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided for the construction of a home for blind persons.

Malta

ILO - Advisory mission

Mr. Edward Johnson (United Kingdom) carried out a short consultancy mission in June to advise the Government on the organization and development of the newly established vocational rehabilitation centre.

ILO - Fellowship to a training course

A fellowship was awarded to Mr. Joseph Frederick Micallef to attend a training course for rehabilitation and sheltered-workshop personnel at the ILO International Centre for Advanced Technical and Vocational Training at Turin, Italy, from January to April.

Poland

WHO - Rehabilitation services in relation to population needs

A rehabilitation project has been carried out by the Institute of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation of the Academy of Medicine, Poznan. The needs for rehabilitation services have been assessed in a sample of 1,000 households and 1,035 hospitalized patients. The results will be used for developing community-based rehabilitation services.

HKI - Mobility training course for the blind

HKI sent two rehabilitation experts to Poland in the summer of 1979 to conduct a six-week mobility-training course for teachers of the blind at the Institute for the Blind at Laski (near Warsaw). HKI provided $4,000 for the course, which was conducted in co-operation with the Committee for the Blind of Poland and which introduced many orientation and mobility skills and techniques.

Portugal

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled

A mission was undertaken by the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), from 15 March to 4 April 1979, to prepare a governmental and interagency symposium on disability prevention and for the establishment of a research centre for the integration of disabled persons. In addition a recommendation was made to the Government that it should request technical assistance for the multidisciplinary training of rehabilitation technicians and for the establishment of a national programme for International Year of Disabled Persons.

ILO - Vocational rehabilitation consultancy

Mr. Edward Johnson (United Kingdom) undertook a mission in October/November to advise the Government on necessary measures for the reorientation of rehabilitation services, notably in vocational assessment, work preparation, the development of workshops, and the co-ordination of a national rehabilitation programme.

ICEVH - Braille kits

ICEVH, in collaboration with Christoffel Blindenmission, has arranged for 300 Braille kits to be donated to Portugal. These will be used mainly in their integrated education scheme.

Yugoslavia

ILO - Advisory mission

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out a short consultancy mission in November/December to advise the national Government and the responsible authorities in the Montenegro Republic - which had suffered a severe earthquake - on plans and programmes for the rehabilitation of disabled persons.

ICEVH - Participation in meeting

ICEVH arranged for a representative to participate in the International Symposium on Problems of Sports for the Blind at Belgrade from 17 to 20 April 1979.

D. Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Regional projects

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation (Latin America)

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) continued his regional expert assignment providing short-term assistance in the planning, organization and development of programmes and services in vocational rehabilitation for the disabled of the Governments of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and El Salvador.

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation (Caribbean)

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) continued his regional expert assignment based in Port of Spain (Trinidad), providing short-term assistance to island countries in the Caribbean: Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Suriname and Trinidad/Tobago.

WHO/PAHO - Regional adviser in rehabilitation

The post of regional adviser in medical rehabilitation (Dr. R. Hindley-Smith, United Kingdom) was continued so that assistance could be provided to those countries in the region requesting co-operation in rehabilitation activities.

In accordance with the present WHO/PAHO policy, field studies were continued in Mexico to determine the feasibility of applying simplified rehabilitation techniques at the community level. Selected local health workers were trained in the identification of disabled persons in their communities and a register was compiled of appropriate disabled people to whom the simplified technology could be applied.

In November, under the auspices of WHO, a meeting was held at Mexico City to discuss a draft manual entitled "Training the disabled in the community". A Spanish edition, based on the draft, is being prepared in Mexico for use in Latin America.

In addition, the regional adviser visited El Salvador and Guyana to review existing projects and provide consultation services.

WHO/PAHO - Regional adviser in prosthetics/orthotics

PAHO continued to maintain a regional adviser in prosthetics/orthotics (Mr. Erik Jansen, Denmark) to provide consultation and training services in that field throughout the region. The duty station for the adviser was moved, in February, from Mexico City to Lima, Peru.

CAMR and CIMR - Regional seminars and training activities

The Caribbean Institute on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (CIMR), set up in Jamaica in 1976 to serve as the technical organ of the Caribbean Association on Mental Retardation (CAMR), was restructured in Curacao

in 1978, in an effort to reach more countries. Four regional units were created under the leadership of a co-ordinator. As a result, there is now the North Caribbean Unit (NCU), with headquarters in Jamaica; the East Caribbean Unit (ECU), in St. Lucia; the Mid Caribbean Unit (MCU), in Caracas; and the South Caribbean Unit (SCU), in Curacao.

CAMR, in close co-operation with the Institute, developed the following regional activities during the year 1979:

(a) A one-week seminar on services available for mentally retarded persons was held in Trinidad, with participation of parents, teachers, nurses and college students, and with delegates from nine countries from ECU;

(b) A seminar on new trends in special education was held in St. Lucia for teachers of handicapped children;

(c) A one-week seminar on prevention, early detection and educational services for mentally retarded persons, held in Antigua, was directed to alert teachers, parents and nurses on the topics discussed;

(d) A course on the educational needs of the mentally retarded person, the first training activity organized by the ECU, was held in Saint Lucia for 24 teachers from Trinidad, Barbados, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, St. Kitts, Saint Lucia, Guyana and Antigua. The group is engaged in the preparation of a curriculum guide for teachers of special classes.

Various training activities, such as new-trends workshops and orientation courses on mental retardation, were conducted by NCU in Jamaica, Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago.

Seminars for parents on early detection and management of mentally retarded children were part of a programme on public education held in Curacao by SCU.

CAMR and CIMR - Activities in 1980/81

The following activities are forthcoming: courses for teachers in special education; seminars on rehabilitation and job placement; follow-up visits to teachers; celebration of the Sixth Caribbean Congress in the Bahamas, 1980; arts festivals and special olympics in some countries in the Caribbean; intensive orientation programmes on prevention; participation in the World Rehabilitation Congress in Canada, 1980, and in Puerto Rico, 1982; co-ordination of Congress on Rehabilitation that will be held in Argentina in 1981; publication and circulation of bulletins and articles; support to projects in early education in the Caribbean; work in the accreditation of courses taken through CIMR; and preparation of a curriculum guide for the education of the retarded child in the Caribbean.

ICEVH - Regional meeting

In May 1979, the First Regional Meeting of the Latin America Committee of ICEVH took place at Guatemala City, with all eight regional delegates and the regional president present, representing 22 countries of the region. At the

Meeting, priority needs were identified and plans made to improve the general standard of education in the region. As a practical step, it was decided to hold a teacher training course in Colombia (see also Chapter I, Section D, Colombia, p. 52).

ISSA - Inquiry on criteria and practices in the classification of disabled persons in selected social security schemes in Latin America

In the initial stage, the following countries will be considered: Colombia; Ecuador; Peru; and Venezuela. A regional group of experts will be convened in 1981 to examine the results of the inquiry and to make recommendations as to the interest and usefulness of extending it to other Latin American countries and possibly also to other regions. A report on the findings of the group of experts is to be submitted to the American Regional Conference of ISSA, scheduled to meet at Caracas in November 1982.

RCSB - Caribbean regional representative

Mr. K. Carey, the Society's regional representative, based in Trinidad and Tobago, continued his work of co-ordinating the Society's activities in the Caribbean and assisting the development of the Caribbean Council for the Blind as its Executive Director. A meeting of the Council was held in Antigua in September 1979, and grants were paid towards the delegates' expenses.

RCSB - Tour of the Director, Sir John Wilson, C.B.E.

The Society's Director visited the Caribbean in March-April 1979 to discuss with national organizations of and for the blind the progress on rehabilitation projects and the development of self-employment schemes.

RCSB - Assistance to workshops for the blind

The Society continued its grants to meet the salaries of managers at workshops for the blind in Antigua, Grenada, Montserrat, Nevis and St. Lucia and towards the administrative costs of the national societies for the blind in Guyana, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Additional grants were made available during the year to aid blind people in distress in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and in Dominica.

In 1980 the Society plans to develop self-help and revolving loan schemes for blind people in several Caribbean countries and to provide a Caribbean talking book library, using a generous donation of talking book machines from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

ICGI - Meeting on alternative employment opportunities

The International Department of Goodwill Industries of America helped to sponsor a meeting of Latin American rehabilitation agencies on the subject of alternative employment opportunities of the handicapped in Latin America at San José, Costa Rica, in March 1979. The meeting was also sponsored by GLARP (Grupo Latino Americano de Rehabilitacion Profesional); the ILO; ICCO, a private Dutch Funding agency; and a local Costa Rican agency. A series of conclusions and recommendations were made concerning legal aspects of employment of the handicapped and the inclusion of information on the handicapped in local censuses to be undertaken in 1980.

The documents of the seminar, portraying in vivid form the obstacles to full employment of the handicapped in Latin American and Caribbean areas, are available in Spanish.

ICGI - More support to rehabilitation agencies in the Caribbean

A 12-day visit was made to Jamaica by Mr. Lloyd P. Welter, Goodwill Director for Latin America/Caribbean, to begin discussions on the best way for Goodwill Industries of America to extend proper support to the rehabilitation agencies in the Caribbean. Discussions were carried out with 10 local Jamaican institutions, both private and public, and initial conversations were held on a regional service unit to be established in 1980 by several interested local and international agencies. Other items of specific support to the Caribbean were also discussed, such as feasibility studies, seminars and workshops and collaboration with other institutions interested in supporting rehabilitation efforts in the Caribbean.

WRF - Consultation services in prosthetics and orthotics

Mr. Walter Teixeira Guimaraes and Mr. Antonio Cavaliere, instructors at the WRF Regional Training Centre in Prosthetics and Orthotics, Associacao de Assistencia à Crianca Defeituosa, (AACD), Sao Paulo, Brazil, provided brief consultation services to various hospitals and rehabilitation centres in that country.

Mr. Everaldo Ferreira de Carvalho, instructor at the Training Centre, provided brief consultation services to the Polio Rehabilitation Centre, Georgetown, Guyana; to the Stichting My Tylschool Swiname, Paramaribo, Suriname; to the Princess Elisabeth Centre for Physically Handicapped Children and the General Hospital, both in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; to the Hospital Central "Antonio Maria Pineda", Barquisimeto and the Fundacion Hospital Ortopedico Infantil, Caracas, Venezuela.

Mr. Juan Monros, WRF Director of Field Services, provided consultation services and conducted a short course at the Hogar Clinica San Juan de Dios, Lima, Peru, in December 1979.

WRF - Assistance in prosthetics and orthotics

A shipment of prosthetic/orthotic supplies and textbooks was provided to AACD in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A shipment of prosthetic/orthotic and physical-therapy equipment and supplies was provided to the Hogar Clinica San Juan de Dios in Peru, through the Catholic Relief Services.

WRF - Fellowships for advanced training in prosthetics and orthotics

Mr. Walter Teixeira Guimaraes, Chief Instructor at the WRF Regional Training Centre in Prosthetics and Orthotics, Associacao de Assistencia à Crianca Defeituosa, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Mr. Alfredo Salvador, Chief Prosthetic/Orthotic Technician, Central Military Hospital, Lima, Peru, were provided fellowships to participate in a specially designed programme to visit research facilities and manufacturing plants in the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria and Italy, and to receive instruction in the latest developments in the field of prosthetics and orthotics, including the myoelectric arm. The programme took place from 15 July to 15 September 1979.

2. Projects in countries or territories

Antigua

ILO - Mission of the regional adviser (Caribbean)

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) undertook advisory missions in January and in June on the development of vocational rehabilitation services in the country, to discuss possibilities for a multi-island rehabilitation, project (Antigua, Saint Lucia, Dominica).

Argentina

ILO - Fellowship grant

Dr. Carlos Jure was granted a six-week fellowship to study vocational rehabilitation services for disabled persons in rural areas in Peru, Guatemala, Mexico and Costa Rica.

Bahamas

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) visited the country in May to advise the Government on new developments in their services and facilities for the rehabilitation and employment of disabled persons.

Barbados

ILO - Missions of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out missions in March and November to advise the Government on the extension of specialized rehabilitation services in the fields of vocational education, guidance and selective placement for employment.

Belize

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out a brief visit in May to advise the Government on the organization and development of vocational rehabilitation services for the disabled.

Bermuda

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) undertook missions in January/February and September/October to advise the Government on placement services and productive workshops for disabled persons and to provide staff training. During a further visit in September/October, Mr. Phillips drew up a detailed outline for a new sheltered workshop programme, as well as a draft plan for ILO expert assistance in its implementation.

Bolivia

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) visited the country in October to discuss with the Government the organization of programmes for the rehabilitation of drug-dependent persons and the opening of the Drug-Dependents' Rehabilitation Centre.

Chile

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) briefly visited the country in June to provide advisory services on the vocational assessment of disabled persons and to propose measures for International Year of Disabled Persons.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided a small van equipped for transporting handicapped persons.

ICGI - Consultancy by international staff

A week-long consultancy with several Chilean rehabilitation agencies was carried out at Santiago, Chile, by Dr. George Soloyanis, of the International Department of Goodwill Industries of America.

Colombia

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) carried out a short mission in June to review activities of the Latin American Group of Vocational Rehabilitation (GLARP) and discuss with the responsible organizations other developments in rehabilitation services, notably those for the blind.

WHO/PAHO/UNDP - Assistance in medical rehabilitation

A second group of doctors began their training in all levels of rehabilitation with the understanding that they would be able, after three years of training, to act both as directors of departments of rehabilitation in hospitals and as supervisors of rehabilitation activities at the community level.

Fellowships were provided of one month each for doctors in neuro-muscular disease, pulmonary rehabilitation, special education, mental retardation and neuro-muscular pathology.

Four seminars were arranged in provincial centres to provide orientation for rehabilitation workers on the extension of coverage by providing simplified services at the community level.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI provided for the enlargement of a therapeutic centre.

ICEVH - Course on subnormal vision

Following the regional meeting held in Guatemala (see Chapter I, Section D, p. 47), a course on subnormal vision and visual efficiency was held at Bogotá in September, with 17 participants from nine countries. Practical demonstrations on how to measure the visual efficiency of a child, how to apply Barraga's scale and how to use low-vision aids were carried out, and certificates for successful participation were issued to the majority of the participants.

Costa Rica

ILO - Mission of the regional adviser

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) visited the country during March/April in connection with a seminar on employment for the disabled and to advise the Government on further developments in rehabilitation services. He returned in November to provide advisory services in regard to the establishment of a new sheltered-workshop programme and co-operatives for the disabled. He also participated in a national seminar on the rehabilitation of exceptional children.

Dominica

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out a brief mission in January to discuss with the Government the development of rehabilitation services and to examine the feasibility of a multi-island workshop project (Antigua, Dominica and Saint Lucia).

Ecuador

ILO/UNDP - Expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Ricardo Cereda Montes (Argentina) continued a long-term expert assignment to assist the Government in the development of the new vocational rehabilitation centre at Quito, in the extension of rehabilitation services to disabled persons in rural areas, and on the production of co-operatives of disabled workers.

ILO - Fellowship grants

One-to-two month fellowship grants for study of rehabilitation facilities and services in Mexico and Argentina were awarded to Mr. T. P. Oña Acosta, Mr. E. M. Lopez Castillo, Mr. C. L. Yepez Guevara, Mr. R. E. Mancero Salazar, Dr. José Alvarez Alvarez, Lcda. Julia L. de Sánchez, Sr. Angel Reinoso, Lcda. Mary García de Sáenz, Dr. Iván García Vallejo, Lcdo. Víctor H. Pazmiño, Dr. Eduardo Trujillo, Srta. Olimpia Martínez, Lcda. Teresa Lalama, Lcda. María E. Yépez and Lcda. Susana Garcés.

ILO - Mission of the regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) visited the country in October to advise on the further development of rehabilitation services for physically, mentally and socially disabled persons, including drug addicts, alcoholics, and other socially maladjusted persons.

El Salvador

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) carried out a brief mission in August to advise the authorities on the development of rehabilitation services in the country. Various recommendations were presented to the responsible government departments.

WHO/PAHO - Assistance in speech pathology

The services of Srta. Luisa Pachano (Venezuela), speech pathologist, were provided for four weeks to present a follow-up course for speech educators.

WHO/PAHO - Course in prosthetics and orthotics

The PAHO Regional Adviser in Prosthetics, Mr. Jensen, gave a one-week refresher course for doctors and technicians in prosthetics and orthotics at the National Institute for Rehabilitation at San Salvador.

WHO/PAHO - Fellowships to a course

Dr. G. Riviera and two prosthetists, Sr. Oscar Alcoleas and Sr. Adalberto Barra, were provided with fellowships to attend the course in lower-limb orthotics given by the International Society for Prosthetics and and Orthotics at Gaithersburg, Maryland, United States, from 17 to 21 September.

Grenada

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) briefly visited the island in March to review assistance needs in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services.

Guatemala

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) was briefly in the country in September to discuss with the Government and rehabilitation specialists possibilities for the practical development of rehabilitation services in Guatemala. He returned in October/November in connection with the Latin American Medical Congress of Rehabilitation and had further discussions on production workshop services.

Guyana

ILO - Mission of the regional adviser

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) visited the country in July to advise the Government and concerned non-governmental organizations on the development of vocational rehabilitation services.

WHO/PAHO - Training of auxiliary physical therapists

The services of a physical therapy instructor, Mr. Basil Robinson (Australia), were continued from January to July so that the training of 13 physical therapy auxiliaries could be completed.

WHO/PAHO - Training in prosthetics/orthotics

A short-term consultant in prosthetics, Mr. Benjamin Leano (the Philippines), was provided for six months to give training in simplified orthotics and prosthetics.

Haiti

UNICEF - Control of blindness

Assistance was given by UNICEF to a programme on the control of blindness due to vitamin-A deficiency.

CI - Special programme for the handicapped

CI supported a rehabilitation programme for the mentally handicapped.

Honduras

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) visited the country in April and August to advise the Government on the creation of a Vocational Rehabilitation Committee and to participate in technical meetings concerned with the development of vocational rehabilitation services. An ILO consultancy mission (in 1980), which will provide assistance in the creation of an interagency rehabilitation committee, was approved by the Government.

Jamaica

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out brief missions in February, May and October to review with the Government the development of clerical vocational training services for disabled persons and the organization of rehabilitation staff training. He also prepared an outline plan for assistance with the development of technical aids to hearing-impaired persons.

Mexico

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) carried out a mission in July/August to participate in a training course for selective placement officers and to advise the Government on other developments in the fields of vocational rehabilitation and rehabilitation staff training.

He returned briefly in November for additional advisory services and to participate in an expert meeting of Rehabilitation International.

WHO/PAHO - Assistance in prosthetics/orthotics

The full-time services of a consultant prosthetist, Mr. Rudolf Thyss (Germany, Federal Republic of), were provided so that the training of technicians for Mexico City and for rehabilitation centres in other parts of the country could continue.

WHO/PAHO - Course in orthotics

A one-week orthotics course for doctors was given in Mexico City under the auspices of Dr. Sidney Fishman (United States).

WHO/PAHO - Fellowships to a seminar

Fellowships were awarded to Dra. Alicia Castañeda, Dra. Maria Barbosa and to two technicians, Sr. Arturo Sat and Sr. Narciso Pérez, to attend a course in lower-limb orthotics given by the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics at Gaithersburg, Maryland, United States, from 17 to 21 September.

Nicaragua

UNICEF - Control of blindness

Assistance was given by UNICEF to a programme on the control of blindness due to vitamin-A deficiency.

Panama

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Antonio Lacal Zuco (Argentina) visited the country in April and provided advisory services to the Government on the further development of vocational rehabilitation services.

ICGI - Feasibility study for employment opportunities

Mr. Gaylord Hicks, a retired Goodwill executive of Santa Ana, California, spent three months in Panama doing an analysis and feasibility study for Panamanian Goodwill Industries concerning employment opportunities and recycling of household items. The consultancy was carried out under the auspices of the International Executive Service Corps in New York and the local Panamanian Goodwill Industries.

WHO/PAHO - Assistance in prosthetics/orthotics

The PAHO consultant in prosthetics, Mr. Jensen, was stationed at Lima in February to supervise the training of prosthetic and orthotic technicians.

WHO/PAHO - Course in prosthetics

A one-week course was arranged in lower-limb prosthetics for doctors, under the direction of Dr. Sidney Fishman (United States).

WHO/PAHO - Fellowship to a course

A fellowship was provided for Dra. Adriana Rebaza to attend a course in lower-limb orthotics given by the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics at Gaithersburg, Maryland, United States, from 17 to 21 September.

St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) undertook a brief visit in September to review with the Government plans for new registration, placement and employment services for disabled persons.

Saint Lucia

ILO - Mission of the regional adviser

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) carried out advisory missions in January and in June on the development of rehabilitation services in the country and to discuss a proposal for a multi-island rehabilitation project (Antigua, St. Lucia and Dominica).

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

ILO - Regional expert in vocational rehabilitation

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) briefly visited the country in March to review assistance needs in the provision of vocational rehabilitation services.

Suriname

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) visited the country in July and reviewed the services and organizations concerned with the disabled. He discussed with the Government and the Working Party on the Employment of the Handicapped the possibility of ILO expert assistance in the establishment of production workshops.

Trinidad and Tobago

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation of the disabled

The mission of the adviser, Mr. Ghislain Moureaux (Belgium), from 27 April to 14 May 1979, resulted in a recommendation to set up an inter-ministerial and interagency co-ordinating body for the integration of disabled persons, and a recommendation to plan a new rehabilitation centre.

An evaluation of the existing rehabilitation facilities of the mental health programme was carried out, and a proposal for a Caribbean regional conference on disability prevention and rehabilitation was submitted.

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert

Mr. Norman Phillips (United Kingdom) advised the Ministry of Labour on the proposed restructuring of job placement services for disabled persons.

Venezuela

WHO/PAHO - Fellowships in medical rehabilitation

Fellowships were awarded to Dr. Ebio Fernández Gapuro and Sr. Angel Aguirre to visit the rehabilitation centre for the blind in Montevideo for two weeks.

A fellowship was awarded to Dr. José Doboin to visit Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Colombia to observe the administrative processes used in those countries for the provision of rehabilitation services at national and local levels.

II. BILATERAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES

Australia

Fiji

A regional project, funded by the Government of Australia to train teachers of handicapped children, has been established in Fiji, under the direction of an Australian expert. The project consists of an annual training course of six-months duration at Suva for teachers from the Pacific region, followed by a six-month on-the-job period in the trainee's own country.

India

The Government of Australia gave financial support to a programme for the blind in India, organized by the Australian Council of Churches and World Christian Action. The programme consisted of workshops to provide teachers of the blind with skills in orientation and mobility services.

Singapore and Malaysia

A three-week visit to clinics in Malaysia and Singapore in October 1979 by an Australian ophthalmologist with low-vision experience was funded in part by a grant from the Government of Australia. The visit resulted in a number of proposals for the improvement of services to persons with sight impairment.

Solomon Islands

In 1979 an Australian medical team spent three weeks in the Solomon Islands to conduct eye tests, distribute spectacles and carry out optical surgery in rural and urban areas. This is an annual project financed by the Australian Government.

Belgium

Below is a list of projects for handicapped persons in developing countries carried out by Belgium in 1979. The projects, as a rule, extend over several years and therefore often go beyond 1979. Most of them are carried out by non-governmental organizations grouped into non-profit associations. In the framework of a system of co-financing, organized by the Ministry of Co-operation for Development, organizations contribute 10-25 per cent of the cost of a project, and the Government of Belgium supplies the balance.

Africa

Burundi

Centre for the handicapped in Kiganda, run by Dienst voor Missie en Ontwikkelingssamenwerking.

Kenya

Sikri Vocational Training Centre for the deaf and the blind, run by Dienst voor Missie en Ontwikkelingssamenwerking.

Tunisia

Institute for the blind at Sousse. Belgium contributes to this regional training institute by supplying personnel and equipment. The Institute provides general and vocational education to visually handicapped young persons, with emphasis on the training of local counterparts and the development of the following training sections: industrial; translation and interpretation; and physiotherapy. It also contributes to the setting-up of a workshop for the production of teaching material for the blind.

United Republic of Cameroon

Rehabilitation of the handicapped, carried out by Fonds national de coopération au développement.

Centre of rehabilitation for the handicapped in Rwanda, run by Gatagara.

Zaire

Centre for the handicapped in Lisala run by Dienst voor Missie en Ontwikkelingssamenverking.

Enlargement of the centre for physically handicapped in Goma, carried out by S.O.S. HONGER.

Rehabilitation of the physically handicapped in Kinshasa, carried out by BROEDERLIJK DELEN.

Equipment of the NURU school for blind children in Lubumbashi, provided by Dienst voor Missie en Ontwikkelingssamenverking.

Asia and the Pacific

Indonesia

Belgium is giving bilateral assistance for the development of a project concerning the teaching of handicapped children.

Philippines

Belgium is co-financing the construction of a rehabilitation centre, carried out by Dienst voor Missie en Ontwikkelingssamenverking.

Viet Nam

Belgium is co-financing the setting up of a centre for children with hearing disabilities, run by Delta 7.

Denmark

The reply from Denmark gives information on the activities of the Danish International Agency (DANIDA) in the field of rehabilitation of disabled persons.

Egypt

Continuing to serve in Egypt as Danish experts in rehabilitation are Ulla and Arthus Boberg, consultants on the educational training programme for logopedists at Cairo, and Hanne Raffli, short-term expert with the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Children with Cerebral Palsy at Cairo. (See also Summary of Information ... 1978, pp. 52-53.)

India

Denmark continued to contribute in 1979 to India's National Programme for the Prevention of Visual Impairment and Control of Blindness. (See Summary of Information ... 1978, p. 52.)

United Republic of Tanzania

The Danish Parliamentary Finance Committee approved appropriation in fiscal years 1979-1982 of DKr 10 million for the first phase of a programme for treatment and resocialization of persons in the United Republic of Tanzania afflicted by mental disorders.

The first phase of the programme covers training of personnel in the country's health service, in collaboration with WHO; extension of the psychiatric clinic of the Muhimbili Hospital at Dar es Salaam; completion of two regional psychiatric units; establishment of two resocialization villages; and completion of a previously started resocialization village, i.e. village environments with psychiatric staff to help patients return to normal life.

Finland

The main involvement of the Finnish Government in the field of rehabilitation of disabled persons has been with the Government of Zambia; where Finland is contributing to both bilateral and multilateral projects.

Bilaterally, expert services have been provided to Lusaka College for the Teachers of the Handicapped, with the objective of training Zambian teachers, particularly in developing special teaching aids.

A project entitled "Vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons" is carried out on multilateral basis with the ILO. The duration of the project is three years, starting in April 1979. It is an extension of the Vocational Rehabilitation Project implemented in 1976-1979. During the first phase of the project a vocational rehabilitation centre was established at Ndola under the supervision of the vocational rehabilitation expert (Finland); during the second phase the same expert has been assisting the Ministry of Labour and Social Services in preparing a long-term strategy for the development of a national programme of vocational rehabilitation resources and services. Two other experts, one in production workshop development and another in rural vocational rehabilitation, as well as an associate expert who is stationed at Ndola, are also attached to the project. The total contribution of the Government of Finland, including fellowship programmes and equipment, amounts to $US 395,770.

The Finnish assistance to the Government of Zambia in the field of rehabilitation of disabled persons will continue through 1980-1981. New developments in the field may occur in connection with the activities during International Year of Disabled Persons.

Germany, Federal Republic of

The following projects were financed during 1979 by the Federal Republic of Germany, directly or with the sponsorship of ASU, DAHW, AW, AH, EZE, BRD. 1/ For 1980/81 further projects are being planned in the field of rehabilitation. Projects marked with an asterisk (*) were subsidized by the Federal Republic, with individual sponsors contributing, as a rule, 10 to 25 per cent of a project's costs. (Private sponsors' contributions are not shown here.)

Location	Project title	Sponsor	Assistance in Deutsche Mark
Africa			
Central African Republic	Equipment of a leprosarium	BRD	3 000
Egypt*	Rehabilitation workshop	DAHW	32 400
Kenya*	Structuring of methods for physically handicapped	ASU	265 000
Mali	Fight against leprosy	BRD	391 000
Morocco*	Training of specialists (short-term stay in the Federal Republic)	ASU	45 000
United Republic of Tanzania	National tuberculosis and leprosy programme	DAHW	218 810
United Republic of Tanzania	Availability of an evaluation expert (orthopaedics)	BRD	60 000

1/ ASU - Arbeitsstelle für soziale Arbeit in Uebersee (Agency for Overseas Social Work)

DAHW - Deutsches Aussaetzigen Hilfswerk (German Leprosy Relief Organization)

AW - Arbeiterwohlfahrt (Workers' Welfare)

AH - Andheri-Hilfe (Andheri-Help)

EZE - Evangelische Zentralstelle fuer Entwicklungshilfe (Lutheran Central Office for Development Aid)

BRD - Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Germany, Federal Republic of)

Location	Project title	Sponsor	Assistance in Deutsche Mark
Asia			
Bangladesh*	Help to the blind	AH	1 695 000
Hong Kong*	Construction and equipment of a rehabilitation centre	EZE	225 000
India*	Equipment of rehabilitation centres for the handicapped	AW	78 950
Latin America			
Brazil*	Equipment of an orthopaedic clinic	EZE	390 000
Chile*	Equipment of a rehabilitation centre	EZE	345 000
Colombia*	Setting up of a rehabilitation farm	DAHW	14 330
Dominican Republic*	Enlargement of a rehabilitation centre	EZE	705 000
Peru*	Structuring of aid for the handicapped	ASU	779 330
Activities planned for 1980			
Africa			
United Republic of Tanzania	Training of specialists (orthopaedics)	BRD	3 000 000
Togo	Orthopaedic workshop, Lomé (end phase)	BRD	1 000 000
Ethiopia	Availability of specialists and equipment (Relief and Rehabilitation Committee)	BRD	1 500 000
Togo	School for specialization in orthopaedics	BRD	5 000 000
Asia			
Philippines	University training (physiotherapy)		50 000
Latin America			
Nicaragua	Programme for severely handicapped	BRD	2 000 000

Norway

The Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) provided the following bilateral assistance in the field of rehabilitation of the disabled during 1979 to Governments and through voluntary agencies:

Africa

Kenya

NORAD granted Nkr 496,900 to the Leonard Chesire Foundation for the construction of new buildings and a factory at Kenya Trout and Salmon Flies Ltd., Dagoretti. The sheltered factory will partly be used for vocational training of the handicapped. At present approximately half of the staff is handicapped.

NORAD granted NKr 7,950 to the Kolokol Famine Relief Camp, Lodwar, Turkana, for the construction of a house especially designed for disabled persons to live in.

Since 1979 NORAD has financially assisted and recruited volunteers (mainly physiotherapists) to the Association for the Physically Disabled of Kenya. In 1979, three Norwegian volunteers worked for the Association. The financial assistance amounted to NKr 200,000.

NORAD has for some years provided financial and technical assistance to the rehabilitation centre at Bombolulu Gardens. In 1979 the technical assistance consisted of three volunteers, one administrator and two agronomists. The centre offers training for the physically handicapped in farming, gardening and marketing of products.

Madagascar

NORAD granted NKr 48,000 to the Norwegian Missionary Society as partial payment for the running of a school for deaf children. Since 1972 NORAD has donated NKr 307,250 for the running expenses of the school.

Sierra Leone

NORAD granted NKr 305,356 to the Seventh Day Adventist's West Nordic Union for the construction of a dormitory and cafeteria at the Masanga Leprosy Hospital. The dormitory will house former patients during their rehabilitation training, consisting of adult literacy education or training in tailoring, carpentry or agriculture.

Sudan

NORAD granted NKr 81,540 to the Norwegian Council for Blindness for a pre-survey by two Norwegian doctors of a training programme for medical assistants to perform minor eye operations. The training programme will also include training of ophthalmic paramedical and auxiliary health personnel.

Zambia

NORAD granted NKr 1,409 and NKr 8,956 to the Zambia Council for the Handicapped for the purchase of teaching material and construction of a road connecting the Solwezi Handicap Centre with the main road. NORAD also granted NKr 3,205 to the Zambia Society of Physiotherapy to cover the cost of the participation of one member at the first Pan-African Physiotherapy Congress.

Two volunteers, one agronomist and one nursery school teacher, have been recruited to Zambia National Council for the Handicapped. The work consists of running a farm for the handicapped and training the handicapped and their families in agriculture, nutrition, family welfare and handicraft. In 1979 the financial assistance amounted to NKr 32,000.

Two teachers (experts) worked in 1979 as inspectors of schools, in schools for the blind and the deaf.

Asia and the Pacific

Sri Lanka

NORAD granted NKr 1,419 to Homes for Mentally Handicapped for the purchase of equipment for the training of personnel engaged in work for the mentally handicapped.

NORAD granted NKr 2,335 to the General Hospital Committee at Colombo for the purchase of wheelchairs and ergometer bicycles.

NORAD granted NKr 15,732 for the purchase of equipment for a school for the deaf and blind at Colombo.

Viet Nam

Norway will contribute NKr 20 million to the realization of a rehabilitation centre for the treatment of persons with physical handicaps resulting from war injuries and children disabled by polio and sequela of encephalitis. Construction work is expected to start in 1980.

Sweden

SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency) is a financing, not an executing, organization. It finances the following programmes for handicapped persons, listed according to the implementing agency:

ILO

Regional consultancy for the promotion of co-operatives for handicapped persons in eastern or southern Africa. SIDA contribution: SKr 2.6 million, 1979/80-1980/81.

Adviser in vocational rehabilitation of the blind in the Sahel and West African region. SIDA contribution: SKr 880,000, 1979/80-1980/81.

UNESCO

Special education programme for English-speaking countries in Africa. SIDA contribution: SKr 3.5 million, 1979/80-1980/81.

WHO

Disability prevention and rehabilitation programme involving surveys in five countries on health problems related to disability and needs for action within primary health care programmes. SIDA contribution: about SKr 1.1 million, 1975/76-1978/79.

New comprehensive support to the WHO primary health care programmes for 1980-1982 is now being discussed; disability prevention may be included in the package.

SIDA supports the following programmes for the prevention of disability or rehabilitation of disabled persons in several developing countries; they are implemented by various Swedish non-governmental organizations

Africa

Ethiopia

ALERT, leprosy hospital. SIDA contribution: SKr 700,000, implemented by the Save the Children Federation.

French-speaking countries in Africa

Seminar for blind-instructors. SIDA contribution: SKr 370,000, 1979/1980, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Kenya

Deaf School. SIDA contribution: SKr 1.3 million, 1975/76-1978/79, implemented by the Kenya/Sweden Friendship Association.

Preparatory studies about medical audiology. SIDA contribution: SKr 10,000, 1979/80, implemented by the Swedish Organization of Hard of Hearing.

Sierra Leone

Children's village for handicapped children. SIDA contribution: SKr 1.5 million, 1979/80-1983/84, implemented by the Methodist Church in Sweden, Board of Mission.

United Republic of Tanzania

Vocational training institute for blind women. SIDA contribution: SKr 2.7 million, 1974/75-1978/79, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Equipment for blind education. SIDA contribution: SKr 60,000, 1974/75, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Handbook in Braille. SIDA contribution: SKr 100,000, 1978/79, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Optician education. SIDA contribution: SKr 800,000, 1977/78-1978/79, implemented by the Association of the Blind.

Project planning, school for the deaf. SIDA contribution: SKr 54,000, 1979/80, implemented by the Africa Mission of the Deaf.

Vocational training rehabilitation project involving technical assistance and adjustment of existing Vocational Training Centres to allow for vocational training of disabled persons. SIDA contribution: SKr 7 million, out of the country allocation for the United Republic of Tanzania, 1978/79-1980/81.

Support to special education projects within the primary education sector, consisting of technical equipment. SIDA contribution: SKr 0.5 million, out of the country allocation for the United Republic of Tanzania, 1978/79-1980/81.

Zambia

Special education programme, with funds mainly used for a pre-vocational training programme and teaching materials. SIDA contribution: SKr 8 million out of the country allocation for Zambia, 1980-1982.

Asia

Bangladesh

Rehabilitation of lathyrism victims. SIDA contribution: SKr 860,000, 1978/79-1979/80, implemented by Swedish Free Church Aid.

Work and rehabilitation centre for the physically handicapped. SIDA contribution: SKr 5.5 million, 1979/80-1984/85, implemented by Central Committee of National Associations of the Handicapped.

Education of teachers for blind children. SIDA contribution: SKr 375,000, 1976/77-1978/79, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

India

Project planning for rehabilitation methods for physically handicapped persons. SIDA contribution: SKr 100,000, 1978/79, implemented by Mother Teresia's Co-workers in Sweden.

Blind school. Tirupputtur. SIDA contribution: SKr 570,000, 1975/76-1978/79, implemented by the Church of Sweden.

Leprosy hospital. SIDA contribution: SKr 2 million, 1979/80-1980/81, implemented by the Save the Children Federation.

Blind hospital. SIDA contribution: SKr 590,000 1978/79-1980/81, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Sri Lanka

Education programme for adult visually handicapped persons. SIDA contribution: SKr 1.8 million, 1978/79-1981/82, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Thailand

Printing equipment for the blind. SIDA contribution: SKr 35,000, 1978/79, implemented by the Swedish Federation of the Visually Handicapped.

Europe

Portugal

The special education project concentrates on two priority groups - the hearing-impaired and the mentally retarded - and consists of several activities: teacher training and in-service training: equipment to schools, engineering centres, audiology clinics; training of audiometric norms and acoustics in school buildings; creation of audiology clinics at hospitals; stimulation of contacts in research; mental retardation school organization, curricula development, in-service training of teachers at the co-operatives and pre-vocational training. SIDA contribution: SKr 1.5 million out of the country allocation for Portugal, 1977/78-1980/81.

Switzerland

The Bureau for Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid of the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs does not have projects of its own specifically designed for the disabled in developing countries. However, the Swiss private agency, Caritas, operates, within its aid programme, a series of projects in favour of disabled persons. At Abidjan, Ivory Coast, the agency built a rehabilitation centre for blind people (children and adults) who are being prepared for reintegration in professional life. The Direction for Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Aid participated financially in the project by contributing about $500,000. Furthermore, Caritas is maintaining several other projects of a similar kind, among them a centre for mentally and physically disabled persons in Zimbabwe. At the moment, the competent Swiss authorities are discussing the possibility of a contribution to this centre as well.

III. CONGRESSES, SEMINARS, TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS

United Nations - Commission for Social Development

At its twenty-sixth session, held at New York from 20 February to 9 March 1979, the Commission for Social Development, considered a document entitled "Position of disabled persons in the development process and their integration into the community" (E/1979/24-E/CN.5/582). The discussions were based on the conclusions and recommendations of two reports of the Secretary-General: "Summary of measures concerning implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons" (E/CN.5/557/Add.2); and "Prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons: Economic and Social Council resolution 1921 (LVIII): progress report of the Secretary-General" (E/CN.5/565).

Consideration was also given to the need for integrated services for the disabled, to the concept of equal opportunities, particularly in a community setting, to the position of disabled persons in the process of development and to the fact that persons might become disabled through that process itself. The last issue gave rise to a discussion of broader social and political concerns within the developmental process and of the social causes of disability.

The topic of disability prevention occupied a central position. It was stressed that social planning should include preventive areas. As a result of the discussion, the Economic and Social Council adopted at its 14th plenary meeting on 9 May 1979, resolution 1979/14, "Prevention of disability". (The text of the resolution is given in annex IV to the present Summary.) The resolution considers that during the third United Nations development decade priority measures should be taken for the prevention of the various hazards causing disabilities. It recommends that Governments should develop a plan of protection against dangers of all kinds, give particular attention to information and education campaigns, develop health services, give attention to safety regulations in places of work, in streets and other public places, and train specialist personnel in the dissemination of safety instructions and prevention techniques.

United Nations - Prevention of disability

The Secretary-General submitted to the Commission for Social Development, at its twenty-sixth session (20 February - 9 March 1979) a progress report entitled "Prevention of disability and rehabilitation of disabled persons: Economic and Social Council resolution 1921 (LVIII)" (E/CN.5/565, of 19 December 1978), as requested by the Commission at its twenty-fifth session. The progress report contained a survey of measures for the prevention of disabilities and rehabilitation of disabled persons, both at the national and international level, taken during the implementation of Council resolution 1921 (LVIII) as well as the conclusions and recommendations. The Commission for Social Development, during consideration of the progress report, recommended that a draft resolution entitled "Prevention of disability" be adopted by the Council. At its 14th plenary meeting, held on 9 May 1979, the Council adopted resolution 1979/14, (for the text, see annex IV below).

UNDP - Symposium on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and Technical Assistance for Disabled Persons, 1981

In response to a recommendation by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, UNDP will assist in the organization of the above-named symposium of experts. The symposium would be held in a developing country in 1981. UNDP will contribute a background paper and will fund the attendance of 10 experts from developing countries.

The symposium will include a survey of the needs of developing countries in the field of services for disabled persons; an evaluation of the present technical assistance, provided by the organizations of the United Nations system and submit proposals for future programmes in this field, the development of approaches and strategies for the education and rehabilitation of disabled people in rural settings, and the submission of proposals for increased technical co-operation among developing countries in the production of equipment and organization of services for disabled persons.

ILO - European Symposium on Work for the Disabled - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Creation

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ILO - Symposium calls for employment for the disabled, 1979

Increased unemployment in the market economy countries of Europe has affected the disabled more than any other group of the working population. In some cases, the disabled unemployment rate is twice that for able-bodied persons. Moreover, increasing demands for skills on the part of modern technology are limiting the range of jobs for which the disabled can be considered.

A recent symposium held in Poland and Sweden (one week in each country) from 21 May to 1 June 1979 enabled some 60 participants from 18 European countries to discuss the employment problems facing the disabled.

UNESCO/OECD - Inter-secretariat meeting, 1979

An inter-secretariat meeting on special education, organized by UNESCO and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), was held at UNESCO headquarters on 23 May. The participants exchanged views and studied the possibility of a collaboration between the two organizations in the field of special education. It was suggested that an international, inter-agency conference, with the participation of non-governmental organizations, be prepared for the International Year of Disabled Persons. Spain offered to act as host to the conference during the fourth quarter of 1981. Further details should be elaborated during a preparatory meeting in 1980.

UNESCO - Expert meeting on special education, 1979

An expert meeting was held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris from 15 to 20 October 1979 to advise the Organization on the development of its future activities in the field of special education. Seventeen experts were

invited to the meeting as well as participants from concerned United Nations agencies, other intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations. The meeting produced suggestions for UNESCO and for action in member States. A final report was to be issued during the first quarter of 1980.

UNESCO - Terminology study - editing meeting

A UNESCO four-language study (English, French, Russian and Spanish) on the terminology used in special education was issued in preliminary form in 1977 and distributed for comments and suggestions for improvements. A meeting was held at the office of the International Bureau of Education (IBE) at Geneva from 19 to 23 November 1979, with participants from Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, UNESCO and the ILO, for the purpose of editing the terminology study.

UNESCO - Expert meeting on integration, 1981

The Federal Republic of Germany has offered to sponsor and organize, in collaboration with UNESCO an international expert meeting on the integration of multiple and severely handicapped persons into vocational education. The meeting would be held in 1981, International Year of Disabled Persons, in the Federal Republic of Germany.

UNESCO - Seminar on early intervention, 1981

The United States of America has offered to organize and meet the costs of an international seminar in 1981, International Year of Disabled Persons, on the role of parents and pre-school education in the early detection of handicaps and early intervention in the education of small handicapped children. The seminar will take place in the United States.

UNESCO - International conference on special education, 1981

Spain has extended an offer to UNESCO to organize an international conference on international co-operation in the field of special education, in collaboration with UNESCO and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and with the participation of the United Nations, the relevant specialized agencies, other intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations interested in the handicapped. The conference would be held at Madrid during the fourth quarter of 1981.

WHO - Meeting on Blindness, 1980

The Second Meeting of the WHO Programme Advisory Group on the Prevention of Blindness will take place from 18 to 21 February 1980 in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta.

Commission of the European Communities (CEC) - Study conference, 1979

A conference was held in Luxembourg from 21 to 23 March 1979 to study various specialized aspects of the programme of activities carried out by the member States in the field of rehabilitation as projects financed by the European Social Fund.

CAMR and CIMR - Meetings in 1979 and 1980

The following meetings took place in 1979:

(a) Executive Committee meetings in Miami and Puerto Rico;

(b) Meetings with parents of retarded children in Puerto Rico to discuss the importance of Public Law 94-142;

(c) Meeting with parents in Trinidad and Tobago, to orient them regarding services available in that country. Use of nursing films and "try another way". The activity was co-sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Association for Retarded Children.

The Sixth Caribbean Congress on Mental Retardation will take place in the Bahamas in 1980.

CAMR and CIMR - Regional seminars and training activities

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CEC - Annual convention, 1980

The fifty-eighth Annual International Convention of the United States Council for Exceptional Children took place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 20 to 25 April 1980.

CWOIH - 26th annual meeting, 1979

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Council of World Organizations Interested in the Handicapped took place at the Palais des Nations at Geneva, from 10 to 11 December 1979.

FIMITIC (IFDWCC) - Symposium on the professional reintegration of handicapped persons, 1980

The International Federation of Disabled Workmen and Civilian Cripples held a symposium on the above-mentioned subject, in co-operation with the Swiss Association of Invalids, from 28 to 29 May 1980, at Bern, Switzerland.

IBE - Epilepsy, 1980

The International Conference on Epilepsy took place at Copenhagen, Denmark, from 7 to 10 September 1980.

ICCB - Vagrant children in developing countries, 1979

The Medico-Educational and Psycho-Social Commission of the ICCB held a conference for experts at Bombay from 5 to 10 November 1979 on the subject of vagrant children in developing countries. The aim of the conference was to find out whether voluntary residential care is adequate and theoretically justified. In preparation for the conference, preliminary evaluations in 1978 and 1979 had been made by a team of experts at Bombay, Nairobi and Bogotá.

A project is to be carried out in 1981 to further this study, dealing with the issue of whether voluntary residential care is a valuable way of looking after vagrant children in developing countries.

ICCB - Meeting of the Planning Committee of the Medico-Educational and Psycho-Social Commission, 1980

From 26 to 28 September 1980, the Planning Committee of the Commission held a meeting to discuss projects for the coming three-six years.

From 29 September to 3 October 1980, the Commission gathered together about 50 experts to study the question of the place of emotionally disturbed children in the Church.

Further projects, many of which are already under way, include:

(a) The protection of child performers;

(b) Children in prisons for adults;

(c) Children and suffering - particularly the cases of disabled children, children with incurable diseases etc.;

(d) Child labour;

(e) A synthesis of scientific approaches to the rehabilitation of children, focusing on one particular aspect; respect for the child.

ICAMI - International Consortium, 1979, and forthcoming meetings

The Committee held a meeting at WHO Headquarters at Geneva, on 9 April 1979 for the purpose of establishing an international consortium concerned with the rehabilitation of the mentally disabled. A provisional secretariat meeting, held at Geneva in January 1980, approved the establishment of such a consortium, which will be called the World Association for the Rehabilitation of the Psycho-socially Disabled and which will be an international association affiliate of Rehabilitation International. The over-all mission of the Association will be to work for the medical, social and vocational rehabilitation needs of the psycho-socially disabled.

A Special Interest Meeting was held on 24 June 1980, concurrent with the Fourteenth World Congress of Rehabilitation International, and a Founding Congress is to be held in August or September 1981, at Zagreb, Yugoslavia. A newsletter, issued periodically, started in February 1980.

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ICC - Meetings

From 8 October to 9 November 1979, the Centre organized in co-operation with the Kinderzentrum at Munich, an international course on the school integration of children with motor disabilities. The course took place in Paris, Nancy (Flavigny) and Munich. Twenty-one participants from the teaching professions, from 11 countries participated in the course. The over-all aim was to foster realistic and positive attitudes of teachers with regard to school integration viewed as a first step towards the social integration of children with motor disabilities.

Activities planned for 1981 include:

An international meeting on mental retardation in children, in Paris;

A workshop on the relations between the handicapped child and the family, in collaboration with the Nordic Public Health School, at Göteborg, Sweden, in English;

A programme of community involvement with handicapped children, in Niger.

ICEVH - Training course for teachers

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ICEVH - Regional meeting

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ICPS - Proposed meeting during 1980/81:

The ICPS acts as a resource centre. It organizes small professional study groups in countries where members ask for them. The following meetings were held:

Ibadan, Nigeria	16-19 January 1980	International Conference on Cerebral Palsy
Oxford, United Kingdom	24-28 March 1980	"Campaigning for the Handicapped"
Winnipeg, Canada	24 June 1980	Primary prevention of cerebral palsy
Gwatt, Switzerland	17-19 September 1980	The handicapped school-leaver
Boston, United States	8-12 October 1980	Primary prevention of cerebral palsy
Brussels, Belgium	November 1980	Early management of the cerebral-palsied child

IEWC - Forthcoming activities, 1980

The Ninth International and Ecumenical Congress for Pastoral Care among the Deaf was held from 22 to 27 September 1980, at Slagelse, Denmark.

IFMSS - World Conference, 1980

The World Conference on Multiple Sclerosis took place at Stockholm, Sweden, from 1 to 5 September 1980.

IFMSS - Symposium in 1980

A special steering committee met to initiate plans for a symposium on multiple sclerosis services to be held in conjunction with the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies meetings, held in Stockholm from 31 August to 1 September 1980. The symposium, entitled International Symposium on MS Services, Functional Disability Ratings: Medical, Social and Economic Implications, is to examine current methods of recording and using data on disability.

The problems discussed include the need to relate data-handling to economic decisions for provision of services; the need to consider the economic and cultural impact of various service options; the implications for planning local voluntary and government agency services; implications for regional planning of services; and the future value of cross-country comparison of service experiences and requirements for functional disability data analyses.

ILSMH - The Fourth Asian Conference on Mental Retardation, 1979

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ILSMH - International Symposium - "The Retarded Child Today - the Adult of Tomorrow"

The Symposium was held on behalf of ILSMH by its member national society in Puerto Rico, United States from 12 to 16 November 1979. It was organized as part of ILSMH efforts for International Year of the Child, and it was attended by delegates from the ILSMH member societies in various parts of the world and from invited parents' groups in the Caribbean area.

ILSMH - Planned meetings, 1980-1982

A regional conference on habitat/quality of life for persons with a mental handicap was organized at Brussels, Belgium, from 27 to 29 October 1980, under the auspices of ILSMH, by its member national society in Belgium.

A regional meeting on mental handicap was held in September 1980 at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, organized for ILSMH by its member national society in Yugoslavia, on the occasion of the General Assembly of the ILSMH.

The ILSMH will also be associated with the following three meetings:

Sixth Caribbean Congress on Mental Retardation, 1980, held at Nassau, Bahamas from 17 to 23 August 1980, and organized by the Caribbean Association on Mental Retardation, an associate member of ILSMH;

Fifth Asian Conference on Mental Retardation, 1981, to be held at Hong Kong in December 1981. It will be organized, with the participation of ILSMH, by its associate member, the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded;

The Eighth Congress of ILSMH, 1982, to be held at Nairobi, Kenya, from 2 to 7 November 1982.

ILSMH - Seminar on the Legal Protection of Mentally Handicapped Persons in Private and Criminal Law, 1980

The Seminar was organized for ILSMH by its member national society in Belgium, in collaboration with the Faculty of Law of Ghent University. It was held at the university from 5 to 9 May 1980. It was organized in particular for specialists from European countries and will be followed by another seminar to be held in 1981 in North America (United States or Canada).

ILSMH - Second South Pacific Regional Conference on Mental Handicap, 1981

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ILSMH - Second Pacific Forum on Mental Retardation, 1981

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ILSMH - Fifth Asian Conference on Mental Retardation, 1981

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ILSMH - Regional Conference on Mental Retardation, 1981

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IOA - Third General Meeting, 1980

The Third General Meeting of IOA was held at Washington, D.C., from 25 to 28 May 1980. For this meeting IOA inaugurated the "Hand of friendship" policy whereby overseas representatives attending the meeting will be welcomed into the homes of American ostomates.

ISOD/ISMGF - Olympiad 1980

The 1980 Olympiad for the Physically Disabled, organized by the Foundation Olympics for the Disabled - Holland 1980, took place at Arnhem, the Netherlands, from 21 June to 5 July 1980. More than 2,000 handicapped persons participated.

ISPO - International course, 1979

An international course in lower-limb orthotics was offered at Gaithersburg, Maryland, United States, in October, organized by the United States national member society of ISPO.

ISPO - Courses in prosthetics/orthotics, 1979

Various courses in prosthetics/orthotics were offered in Latin America by the Education Committee of ISPO.

ISSA - Study Group on Rehabilitation, 1979 and 1980

The ISSA Study Group on Rehabilitation held its seventh meeting at Helsinki in September 1979. It discussed a report on the employment and occupational status of disabled persons undergoing rehabilitation or already

rehabilitated. It also discussed the guidelines and a draft plan for a survey entitled "Problems of training personnel for medical and vocational rehabilitation", which is a follow-up to the report, "Problems relating to the recruitment, training and employment of the personnel of rehabilitation services", adopted by the nineteenth General Assembly of ISSA (Madrid, 1977).

At first, the survey will be limited to a small number of countries. The results of the pilot inquiry were submitted to the meeting of the Study Group held at Manila on 30 October 1980.

ISSA - Research Conference: Implications for social security of research on invalidity, 1981

The Conference will review recent research concerning workers who withdraw from the labour force for reasons of ill health. It will be held at Vienna from 2 to 4 April 1981 (provisional dates) and will constitute the principal ISSA contribution to International Year of Disabled Persons.

LRCS - Meetings in 1979

International Friendship Meetings for Disabled Youth

The Seventh International Contact Camp for disabled and able-bodied young people was organized by the Norwegian Red Cross Youth Section and held at Haraldvangen Camp School from 2 to 14 July 1979. Thirteen countries took part. Of the 57 participants, 21 were disabled - the majority of them in wheelchairs. The ages of the participants ranged from 16 to 30 years.

There were many different kinds of activities, mainly outdoor: archery; badminton; croquet; table tennis; chess; horse-back riding; sailing; overnight hikes etc. There was also a communication workshop which sought to deepen the human contact between the participants.

International Youth Meeting

On the occasion of International Year of the Child, an international meeting of 15 European Red Cross youth delegations, aged 15 to 18 years was organized in Hungary by the Executive Committee of the Hungarian Red Cross, with assistance from the League of Red Cross Societies. The meeting took place at Leninvaros and Budapest from 16 to 28 July 1979. The participants discussed among other themes, ways and means of improving work with disabled children and old people.

RI - Meeting of experts from Latin America and the Caribbean, 1979

More than 100 persons took part in a meeting of experts from Latin America and the Caribbean, held at Mexico City, from 5 to 7 November 1979, and organized by RI with the co-operation of the Mexican Institute for Social Security. The meeting produced a series of recommendations for the future work of RI in the region; they will be studied by the organization's governing bodies.

RI - Charter 80s Group Meeting, 1979

The World Planning Group which is drafting the Rehabilitation International Charter for the 80s held its third meeting at Halle, German Democratic Republic, from 15 to 17 October 1979. The participation of members from developing countries was made possible by a special grant from the Government of the United Kingdom.

RI - Meeting of European National Secretaries, 1979

The European National Secretaries of RI held their thirteenth annual meeting from 8 to 10 September 1979 at Prague, Czechoslovakia. National Secretaries represent the world organization in their nations. Major topics discussed were the RI Information Service, greater participation of disabled people in rehabilitation activities, rail and air travel, charter arrangements for travel to the 1980 World Congress of RI, plans for the Third European Conference of RI to take place in April 1981 in Vienna and for IYDP.

RI - World Planning Group Meeting, 1979

The World Planning Group for the Rehabilitation International Charter for the 80s held its second meeting from 31 March to 1 April 1979 at Trois Epis, France. Group members from 10 countries and the United Nations were present at the meeting. Progress reports were delivered on disability prevention, social integration, improved delivery of services, employment and economic security, and participation of disabled people. It was agreed that the Charter for the 80s, a basic public statement of goals to be achieved within the next 10 years, would be augmented by a second document outlining a specific international plan of action. Both documents will be adopted by Rehabilitation International during 1980 and offered to the United Nations for use in preparation of its long-term programme of action, which is to be adopted by the United Nations in 1981 as a guide for Governments in developing programmes in the field of rehabilitation during the next decade.

RI - Fourteenth World Congress, 1980

The fourteenth World Congress of Rehabilitation International, entitled "Prevention/integration: priorities for the 80s" took place at Winnipeg, Canada, from 22 to 27 June 1980.

RI - Third European Regional Conference, Vienna, 1981

The Third European Regional Conference of Rehabilitation International, with the general theme, "The handicapped person in society", will take place from 6 to 10 April 1981 at Vienna. The Conference will be the first major manifestation of RI during International Year of Disabled Persons, proclaimed by the United Nations. Therefore, it has taken on particular significance. It will be organized in close co-operation between RI and the Austrian Workers' Compensation Board (Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt). The general theme is divided into three complementary topics: prevention and medical rehabilitation as a task of social medicine; the situation of disabled persons in the framework of education and vocational training systems; and social rehabilitation/integration. Apart from plenary sessions and poster sessions, a number of different working groups are planned in the framework of the above-mentioned topics.

RI - Third European Regional Conference, 1981

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WCPT - Meeting of the Executive Committee, 1979

The Executive Committee of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy met for one week in the beginning of November, at Estoril, Portugal. Amendments to the Confederation's monograph on the training of physical therapists and the ethical principles observed by physical therapists were discussed, among other things.

WCPT - Regional meeting, 1980

A regional (European) seminar was held from 1 to 4 October 1980 at Geneva on "The years ahead in physical therapy". Subjects included electromyographic kinesiology, data-collecting and writing-up results, and biofeedback in the practice of physical therapy.

WCWB - Sixth World Assembly, 1979

The Sixth World Assembly of WCWB held at Antwerp, Belgium, from 1 to 10 August 1979, adopted 13 resolutions. The following aspects of blind welfare, among others, were the subject of resolutions: International Year of Disabled Persons; rural rehabilitation for the blind; the encouragement of physical culture and sport for the blind; the situation of blind women; and services to blind children. The Proceedings of the Assembly will be available in print in mid 1980.

WCWB - Conference on Deaf-Blindness, 1980

The WCWB Committee on Services to the Deaf-Blind held the Helen Keller Centennial World Conference on Deaf-Blindness at Hanover from 21 to 25 July 1980. The theme of the Conference was "Responsible independence for deaf-blind people".

WCWB - Blind Women, 1980

The Second International Conference on the Situation of Blind Women was organized jointly by the International Federation of the Blind and the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, in the autumn of 1980.

WCWB/WHO - Committee on East and South-East Asian Affairs, 1979

The Chairman of the Committee attended the thirty-second regional committee meeting of the World Health Organization, South-East Asia Regional Office, New Delhi in September 1979. The Chairman, representing WCWB, stated at the meeting that:

(a) Blindness prevention and cure should be identified as one of the specific areas in which technical co-operation among developing countries is being promoted. He further stated that there was a great deal of technical know-how and skill available within the South-East Asia region which could be utilized to good advantage by neighbouring countries.

(b) Governmental and voluntary agencies should be encouraged to co-operate and co-ordinate in the developing of programmes for blindness prevention and cure.

(c) On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman offered to encourage and promote programmes for the training of staff in organizing mobile eye camps in countries where such facilities did not exist. India had a lot to offer in this area. Where necessary, the Chairman said, financial assistance to a limited extent could be provided.

WCWB/IFB - Regional leadership training seminar

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WCWB - Honorary Officers meeting, Paris, 25-26 February 1980

Two important items on the agenda were the Plan of Action for 1980-1984; and Planning for IYDP. The meeting was followed by a Joint WCWB/IFB Honorary Officers meeting at UNESCO headquarters on 27 and 28 February and a meeting of the Joint Working Group on 29 February and 1 March at the secretariat of WCWB.

WCWB - Committee on European Affairs, 1980

The Conference on Future Trends in Training and Employment of Blind People took place in 1980 from 22 to 24 April. The conference was held in co-operation with the European Area Committee of IFB, at Sofia, Bulgaria, and it was organized by the Union of the Blind in Bulgaria. The following topics were discussed: research studies on problems of employment; schools and school-leavers; employment rehabilitation of adults; training and employment under open (general) conditions; employment under workshop (specific) conditions and under homeworkers' schemes; employment services; legislation.

WFD - Second Latin American Conference of the Deaf, 1981

The Regional Secretary of WFD for Latin America, Dr. Manzanedo, is organizing for 1981 the second Latin American Conference of the Deaf, to discuss the problems of the deaf in that geographical area. The Conference will be attended by international experts, professors and scientists. They will examine specific programmes of rehabilitation and special education.

WFD - Eighth World Congress of the Deaf, 1979

During 1979 WFD was particularly busy organizing the eighth World Congress of the Deaf. Such conferences are held every four years and represent a summary of all the work done in the preceding four years. Following intensive preparation, the Congress was held in June 1979 at Varna, Bulgaria, with the participation of more than 4,000 delegates, experts, specialists, scientists and personalities in the field of culture, art, science and medicine. Many recommendations were made by the Congress and sent to international organizations. The final resolutions have been printed.

WFMH - Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health, 1979

The main activities in 1979 of WFMH centred around their biannual Congress held in Salzburg, Austria, in July. The Congress, whose theme was "Mental health for children and families" focused on many areas which contribute to the area of rehabilitation. Immediately following the Congress WFMH, UNICEF and WHO jointly sponsored a special study group at which experts exchanged information on mental health and primary health care. If one accepts the premise that mentally ill people are disabled to varying degrees, all of the foregoing is relevant to prevention and rehabilitation.

WFMH - Alternatives to mental hospitals, 1980

In late March 1980, WFMH co-sponsored a workshop entitled "Alternatives to mental hospitals", held at Ghent, Belgium. Several projects on school mental health, migration and refugee resettlement are in the planning stage. (This item will be taken up again in the 1980 edition of the Summary.)

WFMH - Preparation for IYDP

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WFOT - Meetings, 1980-1982

The fourteenth Meeting of the Council of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists took place at Sabie River, South Africa, from 24 to 29 August 1980.

The eighth International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists will take place at Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany, from 13 to 18 June 1982.

WVF - Conference on Legislation, 1979

The Fourth International Conference on Legislation Concerning Veterans and War Victims was held at London from 2 to 6 April 1979. The report of the conference has been published. Part I consists of the general report; part II summarizes the responses to the questionnaires issued in connection with the Conference; part III lists the recommendations adopted; and part IV gives the schedule of conference participants.

WVF - Sixteenth General Assembly, Florence, October 1979

A number of resolutions were adopted, calling for or promoting action in the field of rehabilitation: rehabilitation and resettlement; prosthetics and orthotics; geriatric care of aging veterans; International Year of Disabled Persons; long-term effects of war-time imprisonment and deprivation; accessibility, medical records and the prevention and amelioration of consequential disabilities; and systematic health check-ups for war veterans.

WVF - Third International Congress, 1981 - postponed

It has been decided to postpone the Third International Congress on Physically Handicapped Using Assistive Devices - Improving the quality of the Handicapped Person's Community Life: Today and Tomorrow, to the latter part of

1981, in order to have more time to attract various categories of persons who do not ordinarily take part in meetings on rehabilitation matters because they are not aware of the aspects that link the rehabilitation field to their own, namely architects, urbanists, economists, insurance company executives, administrative officials and other decision makers.

ECSWTR - Expert meeting on social aspects of handicaps in children, 1980

The European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research, sponsored by the United Nations, held an expert meeting on the subject of social aspects of mentally and emotionally handicapped children in Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany, from 18 to 21 May 1980. This meeting was organized in co-operation with the German (Association) for Public and Private Welfare in Frankfurt/Main and with the support of the Federal Ministry for Youth, Family and Health in Bonn-Bad Godesberg. It took place within the framework of International Year of Disabled Persons. The meeting focused on those specific factors causing mental and emotional handicaps in children which originate or are re-enforced by social inequalities. It was planned that the expert group should meet twice. The first meeting concentrated on research results referring to the range of symptoms of mental and emotional handicaps among socially under-privileged children. The second meeting, to take place in 1981, will deal with the elaboration of practical preventive social measures.

HKI - Rehabilitation course, 1979

An HKI rehabilitation expert taught a four-week course in 1979 at New Delhi, India, for local employment and placement officers. The course provided students with innovative approaches to vocational programmes for blind adults living in rural areas.

HKI - Rural rehabilitation course, 1980

Under the joint sponsorship of HKI and the Christoffel Blindenmission, a new rural rehabilitation course was undertaken at Tiruchirapalli, South India, in January-February 1980. Two HKI teachers held the six-week course, which trained 10 local blind workers in rural rehabilitation services for the blind, including mobility and orientation skills and vocational training.

HKI - Centennial Congress, 1980

The Helen Keller Centennial Congress was held at Boston, Massachusetts, United States, from 23 to 28 June 1980, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Helen Keller. The theme of the Congress is "A blueprint for the future", with a view to producing a formal document to serve as a resource with which those in the field of blindness can plan and structure their programmes over the next 20 years. Many organizations organized special events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Helen Keller's birth, 27 June 1880.

HKI - Mobility training course for the blind

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HKI - Rehabilitation and integrated education training

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ICGI - A symposium on United States involvement, 1979

Goodwill Industries acted as host, in co-operation with 13 other non-governmental organizations, to a two-day meeting on disability and the developing world, held at Washington, D.C., on 25 and 26 September 1979.

One hundred and four representatives of American public and private agencies that specialize in rehabilitation work and of organizations engaged in general development activities overseas were gathered together for the purpose of raising a new awareness of the needs of disabled persons in developing countries, and urging a commitment to action.

The symposium report, containing a listing of the sponsors and participants, the results of the pre-symposium survey on NGO involvement with handicapped persons in developing countries, and a summary of the discussions and possibilities for action, is available from Goodwill International, 9200 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20014, United States of America.

ICGI - Asian Goodwill Industries Conference

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ICGI - Meeting on alternative employment opportunities

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WRF - International Exchange of Information in Rehabilitation and International Exchange of Experts in Rehabilitation, Sweden, 1979

A meeting of rehabilitation experts was held by WRF at Stockholm, Sweden, on 19 and 20 June, to discuss ways and means for a geographical expansion of its programmes of International Exchange of Information in Rehabilitation and International Exchange of Experts in Rehabilitation, funded by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In addition to WRF senior staff, nine experts from Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia attended the meeting.

WRF - Latin American Seminar on Placement of the Disabled, Puerto Rico, 1979

In co-operation with the World University, Puerto Rico, and Grupo Latinoamericano de Rehabilitacion Profesional, Colombia, WRF conducted a seminar on placement of the disabled, at San Juan, Puerto Rico, from 8 to 12 October. Fifty delegates from 17 countries attended the meeting. Dr. James F. Garrett, Vice-President of WRF, delivered an address entitled, "The human right of the handicapped to employment".

WRF - Establishment of a regional training centre in prosthetics and orthotics in Taiwan Province, 1979

The first basic course in the newly established regional training centre in prosthetics and orthotics, sponsored by WRF in co-operation with the Veterans General Hospital and the Cheng Hsin Rehabilitation and Medical Center, took place from 12 February to 29 June 1979. Students from Fiji (1), Indonesia (4), New Hebrides (1), Papua New Guinea (2), the Philippines (1), the Republic of Korea (2), Solomon Islands (1), Western Samoa (2), and Taiwan Province (6) participated in the programme.

WRF - Fifth basic course in prosthetics and orthotics, India, 1979

The fifth basic course was held from 9 July to 29 November 1979 at the WRF Regional Training Center in Bangalore, sponsored in co-operation with St. Martha's Hospital and St. John's Medical College. Twelve trainees from Bahrain (2), India (5), Indonesia (2), Nepal (2), and Swaziland (1) attended the course.

WRF - Regional courses and fellowships in prosthetics and orthotics

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IV. PUBLICATIONS, STUDIES AND FILMS

United Nations - Publications

Summary of Information on Projects and Activities in the Field of Rehabilitation of the Disabled during 1978 (twenty-first issue, IESA/SDHA: Misc.103, English only) was prepared and distributed by the Rehabilitation Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Secretariat. Further copies are available.

DND - Resource book

In 1979 the United Nations Division of Narcotic Drugs published a book entitled Resource Book on Measures to Reduce Illicit Demand for Drugs, in English. During the course of 1980 the book is expected to be published in French and Spanish. Chapter VI describes measures on the rehabilitation and social reintegration of drug-dependent persons.

DND - Report and background papers

In 1979 the Division issued a publication entitled Preliminary Report and Background Papers of the Study on Measures to Reduce Illicit Demand for Drugs, in English. It deals, among other things, with policy and conceptual questions related to the rehabilitation of drug-dependent persons.

ECA - Studies on rehabilitation

For the 1980-1981 biennium, the Economic Commission for Africa proposes to undertake a survey of rehabilitation services in Africa - programmes and trends. Work on the survey was started some time ago, but because of little response from member countries and lack of funds for field missions, it was not completed. The survey is intended to assist member States in promoting or improving national and regional rehabilitation services and relevant training programmes. There is also a proposal to undertake a study of the situation of disabled women in rural Africa. The study intends to look into what are the most serious types and causes of disabilities among women, how they can be prevented or minimized, and how services can be made available to them.

UNICEF - Global study on the handicapped child

A global study on the handicapped child was carried out by Rehabilitation International in 1979, on behalf of UNICEF. The purpose of the study was to review the situation of children with physical, mental or sensory disabilities, and measures to assist them. The study included field observations of the situation of children with disabilities in a number of countries, with particular attention given to Bangladesh, Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia, and shorter visits to Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi and the United Republic of Tanzania. In conducting the study, all the international agencies and organizations concerned were consulted. The report should have been finalized in March 1980. The study may be considered a contribution by UNICEF to IYDP. (See also RI/UNICEF - Study of the Situation of Handicapped Children, p. 93).

UNICEF - 1979 IYC-Guides to national commissions and non-governmental organizations

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ILO - Monograph

A Spanish language version of the monograph, first published in English and entitled Monograph on the Organisation of a Production Workshop for the Disabled, is now available. It describes a large production workshop for disabled persons in Ethiopia. The French language version was issued in 1980.

ILO - Audio-visual training aids

A sound/slide project entitled "Sheltered employment of the disabled" will be ready early in 1980.

ILO - Information service on the rehabilitation and employment of the visually handicapped (BLINDOC)

The above-named documentation service distributed some 70 articles on new developments and techniques in the fields of vocational preparation, guidance, training, placement and employment of visually handicapped persons. Some 520 blind organizations and rehabilitation specialists around the world receive the mailings.

UNESCO - Study on early detection of handicaps in children

Ten national commissions of member States have been asked to submit case studies on the early detection of handicaps in children and ways of making parents and teachers aware of children with special needs and how to meet them. The study in its final form will appear in 1980.

UNESCO - Book on constructive education for special groups

A publication on constructive education for special groups, one volume in a series on constructive education, has been prepared by Dr. W.D. Wall, Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of London, in collaboration with the International Bureau of Education (IBE), Geneva. The book puts forward many theses towards improving practice when dealing with the handicapped and deviant child. For example, even though children may be grouped according to their handicap, all cases should be regarded as unique; there is no sharp line marking the frontiers of handicap; the importance of the family - and particularly the mother - in promoting the normal development of a handicapped child is often overlooked; placing physically and mentally handicapped children in ordinary schools should become more and more a widespread and socially acceptable solution. The publication is available in English.

UNESCO - Special education statistics

A new edition of UNESCO Special Education Statistics is in preparation and is expected to appear shortly.

UNESCO - Picture book in relief

A picture book with pictures in relief and with raised characters as well as characters printed in ink has been produced for International Year of the Child (1979) as a co-production Collins/UNESCO. The authors are Virginia Allen Jensen and Polly Edman. It is foreseen mainly for small blind children but can also be used by sighted ones.

UNESCO - Book on Braille

A book entitled Braille, a Medium of Communication for the Severely Visually Handicapped has been finalized and is now with the printers. Mr. Barry Hampshire (United Kingdom) was the author, under contract to the Swedish Association of the Visually Handicapped. The publication will appear in English and French. It deals with the progress made in Braille since 1953, particularly regarding equipment and personnel used in the production of Braille, the editing of printed materials to be transcribed into Braille, literary codes, mathematics codes, teaching methods and aspects of instruction, research and international co-operation.

UNESCO - New edition of World Braille Usage

It is now more than 25 years since UNESCO published World Braille Usage as part of its World Braille Uniformity Programme, and those concerned with the education and welfare of visually handicapped people in countries throughout the world now feel that a revised edition of this work is needed. A contract has been drawn up between UNESCO and the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind (WCWB) for an updating of the work. Gestetner Ltd. (United Kingdom) has contributed $25,000 towards the production of the publication, which is foreseen to appear during IYDP, with ink-print and Braille copies in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

All member organizations of the WCWB have been asked to complete and return the questionnaire they have received on this subject urgently to UNESCO, for the attention of Mr. F.H. Potter, 7 place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France.

UNESCO - Study on terminology used in special education

A preliminary issue of a study on terminology used in special education, entitled IBEDATA 77:2, was produced in 1977. It was distributed for comments and suggestions for improvement of the final version. An editing meeting was organized in November 1979 at the International Bureau of Education (IBE) at Geneva. The publication will contain lists of words with definitions in English, French, Russian and Spanish and will appear during IYDP.

UNESCO - Braille publications

There are plans to produce four issues of its free Braille magazine in English, French and Spanish, under the new title of The UNESCO Braille Courier. Requests for copies of the publication, and for the UNESCO International Year of the Child booklet, Red Thread Riddles, with text in ink-print and Braille and with embossed illustrations in colour, produced for visually handicapped and non-handicapped children, should be addressed to Mr. Potter at UNESCO.

UNESCO - Terminology study: editing meeting

See page 70.

WHO - Manual on the disabled

A manual entitled The Disabled in the Community has been produced. It describes the various kinds of disability and the corresponding cures, aids, facilities and potential solutions to them. The approach with which the manual was written with the idea that the disabled do not form a homogeneous group. For example, the deaf, the blind, the mute, the mentally handicapped and so on all have different problems, which require different solutions.

The manual particularly emphasizes programmes based on community responsibility for the running of social services and also underlines the importance of training community health workers and including members of the broader family in the rehabilitation process of disabled people. The manual will be given trial use in a number of countries before its publication in 1981.

WHO - Survey on disability

See Indonesia, page 32.

WHO - Survey of handicapped and disabled population

See Philippines, page 36.

WHO - Disability surveys

See Jordan, page 33.

CE - Study on rehabilitation

The study of problems relating to the rehabilitation of disabled persons is carried out within the framework of the Council of Europe, by seven member States (France, Belgium, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), in application of a Partial Agreement in the social and public health field concluded in 1959. Austria, Norway, Spain and Switzerland have since then joined the work of the Partial Agreement on rehabilitation and resettlement of the disabled.

The organs set up by the Partial Agreement to deal with the study of rehabilitation are the following: a steering committee - Committee on the Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the Disabled; and three subsidiary committees:

(a) Committee of Experts on a Comparative Study of Methods of Identification of Disabled Persons;

(b) Committee of Experts on the Study of Services for those Disabled People who need Special Conditions of Employment;

(c) Committee of Experts to Study the Possibilities of Leisure Activities and Holidays for the Disabled.

CE - Developments in employment in 1979

The Committee of Experts on the Study of Services for those Disabled People Who Need Special Conditions of Employment is at present considering recent and present developments in sheltered employment, short-comings and deficiencies of sheltered employment in general, and concrete and practical measures to overcome the present short-comings. The Committee of Experts will shortly be examining a consolidated report proposing concrete and practical measures to overcome the deficiencies exposed in the existing systems of sheltered workshops.

The Committee also plans to study the question of the short-comings and deficiencies of sheltered employment in general, and to bring up to date the existing "Report on services for disabled people who need special conditions of employment", published by the Council of Europe (PA/SP (77) 19), and the Council's resolution AP (76) 2 on the same subject.

CE - Developments in detection in 1979

The Committee of Experts on a Comparative Study of Methods of Identification of Disabled Persons is at present carrying out a comparative study of the sources and types of information available in the participating States and how it can be used with regard to planning. A consolidated report will shortly be drawn up in order to bring up to date the existing "Report on the identification of disabled persons", published by the Council of Europe (PA/SG (77) 20) and the Council's resolution AP (76) 3 on the same subject.

CE - Developments in leisure activities and holidays in 1979

The Committee of Experts to Study the Possibilities of Leisure Activities and Holidays for the Disabled is entrusted with the study of the following subjects:

(a) Participation of sensorially disabled persons in the cultural life of society. A draft resolution is in preparation.

(b) Sport as a leisure activity for disabled people. A consolidated draft report on the integration of sport for disabled persons into sports activities of able-bodied persons will shortly be examined.

(c) Training of leaders of recreation and holiday activities for disabled persons. The Committee plans to draw up a consolidated report on this subject, possibly accompanied by a draft resolution.

CE - Projects for 1980/81

The following subjects are on the agenda of the Committee on the Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the Disabled, for immediate study:

(a) The introduction of rehabilitation as a separate subject in the curriculum of university studies. A consolidated report and draft recommendations are in preparation.

(b) Drawing up a coherent policy on rehabilitation. A consolidated report is being prepared.

(c) A global approach to problems of accessibility for physically handicapped persons.

(d) Vocational assessment of the disabled. A consolidated report is being prepared.

(e) Rehabilitation of the mentally handicapped (retarded). A consolidated report is being prepared.

NCD - Publications and studies

The next issue of the publication Registration of Nordic Projects Relating to Disability will be published in 1980.

The work to develop the proposed Nordic EDP system for registration of technical aids began, as planned, in autumn 1979. The project is expected to be terminated in 1981.

CAMR and CIMR - Publications and papers

Publications of the CAMR and CIMR include: a bi-monthly bulletin; reports of activities of the four regional units; Directory of Services for the Mentally Handicapped, prepared by the North Caribbean Unit; and Proceedings of the Fifth Caribbean Congress held at Curaçao in 1978.

At the congress held in Argentina in June 1979 on la asociación del Caribe sobre retardo mental y las artes portalecen la familia del niño impedido, the Secretary of CAMR presented two papers for parents.

IALP - Research on the situation of deaf and mute

The International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics is planning an investigation of the present state of the deaf and mute afflictions in Europe and North America, including statistical frequency, detection, means of rehabilitation and results. For the time being, it will be limited to the two above-mentioned continents, where IALP disposes of well-structured affiliated societies. It is however possible that the research might be extended later to other parts of the world.

IBE - Epilepsy '79

Epilepsy '79 is the second annual publication in the British Epilepsy Association's series, Perspectives on Epilepsy. The foreword to Epilepsy '78 stated: "We hope that this publication will prove of use to doctors as well as non-medical personnel ... and that it will be of help to those who are seeking to cope with this condition in their own families." The response from readers indicates that the formula was successful and a similar pattern was therefore followed in Epilepsy '79.

ICC - Publications

The topical issue of the medical/social magazine Courrier in 1981 will be devoted to the handicapped child.

ICCB - Vagrant children in developing countries

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ICEVH - Periodic publication

The Educator, the news organ of the ICEVH, appears twice annually and may be subscribed to for $US 3.00 for one quinquennium. The editor is Mr. William T. Heisler, Perkins School for the Blind. The publication includes articles from existing periodicals from all parts of the world on the education of the blind, and places that information in the hands of teachers of blind children.

IEWG - Publications on pastoral care among the deaf

The International Ecumenical Working Group for Pastoral Care among the Deaf has published two handbooks based on the papers of two seminars for specialized pastors for the deaf, in several languages:

First seminar, GOES 1971, Geneva

Denis Mermod, ed., "Entendre avec les yeux" (Geneva, 1972), 367 p.;

Daniel Pokorny, ed., "My eyes are my ears" (New York, 1974), 373 p.;

Friedrich Luger, ed., "Mit den Augen hören" (Neukirchen, 1975), 367 p.

Second seminar, SITS DEAF 1975, Washington, D.C.

Daniel Pokorny, Ramond Hohenstein, eds., "The word in signs and wonders" (New York, 1977), 341 p.;

Daniel Pokorny, Ramond Hohenstein, eds., "Quand Dieu parle, les sourds entendent" (Washington, D.C., 1977), 73 p.;

Daniel Pokorny, Ramond Hohenstein, eds., "La palabra en signos y maravillas" (Washington, D.C., 1977), 54 p.;

Rudolf Wollrab, ed., "Du hältst das Wort in der Hand" (Leipzig, 1979), 227 p.

ILSMH - Publications

The following publications were made available by or for ILSMH during 1979:

(a) Rapport du Symposium International sur la Préparation des Enseignants pour Handicapés Mentaux (Report of the International Symposium on the Training of Teachers for the Mentally Handicapped), Lausanne, Switzerland, 1 to 5 March 1976;

(b) Améliorer la qualité de la vie - un symposium sur les principes de normalisation et d'intégration (Improving the Quality of Life: Symposium on the Principles of Normalization and Integration), original in English; Airlie, Virginia, United States, 17 to 20 August 1976;

(c) Severe Mental Retardation/Le retard mental sévère, by Drs. Gunnar and Rosemary Dybwad (printed for ILSMH by its member national society in Canada);

(d) A reprint of an interview of the ILSMH Secretary General, presenting the aims, role and activities of the League and published by the member national society in Switzerland in its periodical journal;

(e) The proceedings, in two volumes, of the Seventh International Congress of ILSMH, published for ILSMH by its member national society in Austria, which acted as host to the Congress;

(f) A new, revised edition of International Directory of Mental Retardation Resources, prepared by Dr. Rosemary Dybwad;

(g) The interim report of the activities of ILSMH from September 1978 to November 1979, including the reports of the various ILSMH committees and task groups;

(h) An issue of News from the ILSMH, published after the Congress, in English, French, German and Spanish, and widely distributed.

ILSMH - Planned publications

(a) Step by Step (Pas à Pas; Schritt für Schritt; Paso a Paso), a guide for the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Handicapped Persons, was issued in March 1980.

(b) A report of the ILSMH symposium, "The retarded child today - the adult of tomorrow", is being prepared.

(c) "Significant differences between retardation and mental illness", a position paper from ILSMH, prepared by Dr. Henry V. Cobb (United States) and Professor Peter Mittler (United Kingdom), will be available soon, in several languages, and will be widely distributed.

(d) Another issue of the ILSMH News is in preparation.

(e) An up-dated list of all publications is available from the Secretariat of ILSMH.

ISPO - Prosthetics and Orthotics International

The journal of ISPO, Prosthetics and Orthotics International, is published in English three times a year. Free to members of the Society and available on subscription to others, it covers medical, technical, clinical, research and other aspects of prosthetic and orthotic practice.

ISSA - Inquiry on provisions for helping and encouraging invalidity beneficiaries to return to work, 1980

A special inquiry to survey the current situation with regard to the legislative provisions and administrative practices designed to assist and encourage invalidity beneficiaries to return to work. The study will examine measures incorporated in the social security programmes of various countries for encouraging persons receiving invalidity benefits on the basis of permanent non-work-related disability to return to work, and ensuring that beneficiaries continue to meet the invalidity benefit requirements. It will also look at various approaches the countries studied have taken to encourage disabled persons to remain in employment and to increase employment opportunities for disabled persons who can work.

This inquiry was launched in March 1980, and a report on it will be available by spring 1981.

ISSA - Inquiry on criteria and practices in the classification of disabled persons in selected social security schemes in Latin America

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ISSA - Study Group on Rehabilitation, 1979 and 1980

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ISSA - Research conference: implications for social security of research on invalidity, 1981

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LCSR - Research projects conducted by the Laboratory/Centre

Research projects of special interest to rehabilitation are being conducted; they concern the psychosocial environment and health of pre-school and school-children, women with breast cancer and men with asymptomatic hypertension. The projects are conducted with the aim of identifying and, wherever possible, of modifying high-risk situations, high-risk groups and high-risk reactions, and of evaluating those modifications.

LCSR - Prevention of mental stress

At the request of the International Labour Office (ILO), the Laboratory has completed a booklet on the prevention of mental stress in industry. It is part of the ILO International Programme for the Improvement of Working Conditions and Environment. The booklet is in press.

RCSB - Films

The film, "Gift of sight", about the Society's activities in India, was produced in 1979. There are plans to produce a similar film for Africa.

RI - Rehabfilm Film Festival

The fourth annual International Rehabilitation Film Festival took place at Lincoln Center in New York from 21 to 23 May 1980. Ninety films and videotapes were shown. Each year Rehabfilm sponsors and produces this worldwide competition of films and videotapes relating to the medical and social welfare of the physically or mentally disabled. In 1979, 143 distributors from a dozen countries made 256 entries, of which 91 were screened. The competition is divided into 14 categories. Rehabfilm not only produces the International Rehabilitation Film Festival annually, but also operates the Rehabfilm Rental Library and publishes Rehabfilm Newsletter.

RI/UNICEF - Study of the situation of handicapped children

The field work for the Rehabilitation International/UNICEF study of the situation of handicapped children has been completed, with extensive interviews and observations having been made in Bangladesh, Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, and several countries of Africa, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, and the United Republic of Tanzania. The study, carried out by Rehabilitation International with financial and other assistance from the United Nations Children's Fund, is aimed particularly at the unmet problems of children with disabilities in areas of lesser development. The report was presented to the UNICEF Executive Board at its meeting in New York in 1980. (See also UNICEF - Global study on the handicapped child, p. 84).

WAGGGS - Publications

As reported in the 1978 issue of Summary, the three WAGGGS quarterly publications - Council Fire, Newsletter and Action Review - give accounts of the activities of the national organizations with and for the handicapped. The newest publication, Action Review, which lists activities in specific fields, includes the heading "Handicapped".

WCWB - Publications

The WCSB Committee on Rehabilitation, Training and Employment has published a booklet entitled Unification of Standards for Digitally Encoded Braille and a report entitled Special Workshops for the Blind - Ideas and Experiences Expressed by Three Experts in the Field.

A booklet on planning basic rehabilitation programmes for the visually handicapped in the developing countries was published by the National Association for the Blind in India, on behalf of the WCWB Committee on Rehabilitation, Training and Employment for the Blind.

A monograph, Identifying Deaf-Blind Persons Throughout the World, was published by the WCWB Committee on Services to the Deaf-Blind.

WCWB - Review of the European Blind

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WFD - Publications

A new edition of the book Gestuno is now being prepared, and the magazine The Voice of Silence will soon be issued again.

A brochure concerning deafness and its implications and classification (etho-pathogenesis, detection, instruction, education, professional training, civil rights etc.) will be published, especially for the developing countries, in English and French.

WFD - Deaf theatre

With the help of teachers, theatre groups and writers, WFD made a special study of deaf theatre. The study was sponsored by UNESCO. WFD also prepared a report for UNESCO on the application of the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works.

WFOT - Publications

The following were published in 1978/79:

(a) Proceedings of the Seventh International Congress, World Federation of Occupational Therapists, Jerusalem, Israel, 1978;

(b) A pamphlet entitled World Federation of Occupational Therapists;

(c) A booklet entitled Requirements for Employment of Occupational Therapists Among WFOT Member Countries.

WOSM - Publications

During the period 1970-1980 WOSM published the following booklets of interest to disabled youth:

(a) These Our Brothers - Scouting with the Handicapped;

(b) Scouting for the Physically Handicapped;

(c) Scouting for the Visually Handicapped;

(d) The Extension Activities Handbook (A Guide to Scouting with the Handicapped).

WVF - Report of Seminar on the Mass Media and the Handicapped

The report of the seminar, "The Mass Media and the Handicapped", (UNESCO, September 1978), organized by INTER ACCENT and the International Committee on Public Relations in Rehabilitation, has been published and is available for distribution.

ICGI - Reports, brochures, news

Goodwill publications consist of an annual report, a brochure, GIA News (bimonthly), a statement of purpose, and special reports on timely subjects, such as First Assembly of Rehabilitation Practitioners in West Africa, held at Lomé, Togo, in December 1978, and Disability and the Developing World: A Symposium on U.S. Involvement, held at Washington, D.C., in September 1979.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

ICAO - Accessibility of airport terminals

At a meeting in May 1979 the Facilitation Division of the International Civil Aviation Organization recommended an analysis of material concerning the facilitation of movement of physically handicapped people within airport terminals and during embarkation and disembarkation from aircraft. ICAO will consider the recommendation at its meeting later this year.

UNICEF - Help for disabled children

UNICEF is in the midst of reviewing the recommendations received from its field offices. At this stage, the following countries have requested UNICEF assistance for disabled children: Bangladesh; the Philippines; and Botswana. The requests will be submitted to the UNICEF Board in 1980.

UNICEF - International Year of the Child, 1979

During IYC, several activities specifically concerned with handicapped children were organized in many countries. Those listed below were cited in the register of activities published by the IYC secretariat in 1979.

Africa

Senegal. The Senegal National Commission for IYC, at Dakar, in its work plan, 1978-1979, made recommendations in various subject areas, including that of handicapped and maladjusted children.

Sudan. The Sudan National Commission for IYC, at Khartoum, conducted various operational projects in areas such as education, the handicapped, social planning, toys, health, child abuse and child labour. Plans included medical and rehabilitation centres for handicapped children.

Uganda. The Uganda National Commission for IYC, at Kampala, carried out policy formation in such areas as films, celebrations, studies, and the handicapped. Proposed activities included a study of services needed for children and youth and the physically and mentally handicapped.

Asia and the Pacific

Bahrain. The Bahrain National Commission for IYC, at Manama, conducted various operational projects in such areas as abandoned children, child care, foster care, the handicapped and arts. One of the main projects was a centre for handicapped children.

Hong Kong. Educational information material is being provided by the Slide Project on Child Raising and Child Care, IYC Working Group on Child Raising and Child Care, Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Hong Kong. Among the sets of slides planned for production as educational material for parents is a set on handicapped children.

Pakistan. The national proposals for children in the five-year plan of the Pakistan National Commission for the IYC, at Islamabad, include operational projects in such areas as basic services, day-care, child care, the handicapped, recreation and vocational training. Proposals include rehabilitation of physically and mentally handicapped children.

Europe

Denmark. The national course for young parents of the Associated Country Women of the World, London, and the Danish Family Farmers Association, Copenhagen, involved a national seminar at Slagelse, Denmark, from 21 to 23 May 1979, in the areas of mass media, recreation, alchohol, and handicapped children. Among the points discussed was the integration of handicapped children.

France. In the area of handicapped children and education, the French National Commission for IYC, in Paris, held a seminar on the deaf child before the age of three.

The International Congress of Child Psychology/International Children's Centre (ICC), in Paris, held an international meeting in Paris from 1 to 8 July 1979, concerning accidents, migrant children, health, and pre-school education. The Centre agreed to give its patronage to the International Congress of Child Psychology and to contribute to the following subjects: accident prevention in childhood; children of migrant workers; and learning healthy habits in kindergarten.

Israel. The Genetics Counselling Clinic was opened on 22 May 1978 by the Prevention of Blindness Institute, Jerusalem, and The Women's Zionist Organization of America Inc., New York. Some of the main subject areas are blind children, health education and parent education. Coincidental with Hadassah's observance of IYC, a genetic counselling clinic for prospective parents was opened. It is estimated that 50 per cent of blindness in childhood is genetically determined.

The Thirteenth International Congress of the World Federation of Hemophilia was held at Tel Aviv from 8 to 13 July 1979, as an international conference of the World Federation of Hemophilia, Montreal, Canada, on the handicapped, health and special needs. The programme consisted of discussions related to social aspects of hemophilia, which included vocational problems, family problems, home therapy, social rights and international co-operation for hemophilic youth.

In the field of the handicapped and recreation, the Jamboree "The Human Factor", an international youth camp for hemophiliacs, was held in Ma'abaroth from 11 to 13 July 1979, by the World Federation of Hemophilia, Montreal, Canada, in conjunction with the Thirteenth International Congress of WFH.

Sweden. Activities at the national level in favour of handicapped children were carried out under the European Association for Special Education (EASE) at Malmö. EASE advises member organizations to concentrate particularly on the educational and social problems of handicapped children in order to improve their condition.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Bahamas. Among the projects of the Bahamas Red Cross Society for IYC, at Nassau, are various children's activities, in particular a day-care centre for handicapped children, to be supported by other organizations and the Government.

Grenada. A survey involving all the handicapped children in Grenada is being carried out by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Culture, Community Development and Co-operatives.

Jamaica. An information project, "Know our handicapped children", was prepared by the Agencies for Handicapped Children, at Kingston. Subject areas included the handicapped, child-rearing and prevention of handicaps. The objectives of the activity are to change the attitudes of the public and of specific target groups within the community towards handicapped children, to create public awareness and provide information on prevention of handicapping conditions, and to inform specific target groups of better methods of child management and rearing.

Trinidad and Tobago. The National Organizing Committee for IYC, Port-of-Spain, invited the National Theatre of the Deaf to perform. The company, which is located at New London, Connecticut, United States, is composed of 516 deaf actors and speakers who use a combination of sign language and spoken words with gestures, music, dance and mime. The group is to be an example to the handicapped and the public on the capabilities of the handicapped.

UNICEF - International Year of the Child, 1979: List of IYC Commissions with plans/programmes for handicapped children

A high degree of concern has been expressed by IYC Commissions and international as well as national organizations with respect to the handicapped child. The list below is taken from "Directory of national action for the IYC" (E/ICEF/663), of 6 September 1979. The interest of the list, in addition to the large number of countries involved, lies in the variety of aspects that have been selected for priority consideration.

Africa

Angola. Long-term research project on the mentally handicapped child.

Botswana. Revision of school curriculum to provide remedial teaching to all children who need it.

Congo. Special attention for the handicapped child: improving preventive medical services for handicapped children; equipping the Institute for Young Deaf and the Psycho-pedagogical Centre for the mentally handicapped.

Egypt. National study on the handicapped child is under way: upgrading existing institutions for the handicapped child.

Gabon. Construction of a centre for handicapped children.

Gambia. Fund-raising campaign for mentally and physically handicapped children.

Ghana. Homes for handicapped children.

Ivory Coast. Review of legislation of handicapped children; special protection of handicapped children.

Lesotho. Committee to survey needs of handicapped children.

Liberia. National plan to include special education for the physically and mentally handicapped.

Madagascar. Special meetings on handicapped children.

Malawi. Malawi Council for the Handicapped very active; production of prostheses for handicapped children.

Mali. Construction of an education, nutrition, rehabilitation reception/residential centre; national seminars on special education for handicapped children.

Mauritania. Centres for the care of handicapped and maladjusted children.

Morocco. Endorsement of draft legislation relating to blind children; summer camps for blind children; projects to help handicapped children.

Niger. Establishment of National Institution for Handicapped Children; increasing the number of educators for handicapped and maladjusted children; establishing workshops for handicapped parents.

Nigeria. New programmes for handicapped children.

Rwanda. Planning a National Committee for the Protection of the Handicapped Child.

Senegal. Plans for handicapped and maladjusted children.

Seychelles. National survey of children, focusing also on handicapped children; central register of all known cases of "children at risk", including physically and mentally handicapped children.

Sierra Leone. Physically and mentally handicapped children are target groups for the future.

Somalia. Concerted effort to establish schools for the disabled.

South Africa. Seminars on the handicapped child; pre-school project for epileptic children; formation of national centres for learning disabilities.

Swaziland. Handicapped children included within major areas of concern; establish a Society of the Handicapped and primary school for deaf mutes.

Uganda. Priority to issues concerning handicapped children; developing programmes for the blind and the deaf.

United Republic of Cameroon. Programme for the transportation of handicapped children in urban areas.

Zambia. Strengthening school services in the detection of handicaps, especially sight, hearing and mental problems; rehabilitation and transfer to special schools for children with serious vision, hearing or mental difficulties.

Asia and the Pacific

Afghanistan. Studies on specific problems concerning handicapped children.

Australia. Project for visually impaired children, "Hear-a-Book" scheme; international exhibition of handicapped children's arts and skills.

Bahrain. Programme for the rehabilitation of the handicapped; programme for the rehabilitation of the mentally retarded.

Bhutan. Development of special centres for handicapped children.

Burma. Special programme for disabled children, including deaf, blind and mute.

Democratic Yemen. Priority target for the next two-five years: care of the handicapped.

Fiji. Programmes to secure special equipment for the handicapped child; help for the deaf and partially deaf.

Hong Kong. Training course for parents of blind children; seminar for parents of handicapped children.

India. National objective: care of the handicapped child.

Iraq. National plan: institutes for the rehabilitation of the handicapped.

Japan. Specific programmes on the education of handicapped children and improvement of facilities for handicapped children.

Jordan. Construction of rehabilitation and training centres for mentally and physically handicapped children.

Kuwait. Kuwait Association for the Handicapped.

Malaysia. Diagnostic centre to detect and assess early symptoms causing retardation in children.

Maldives. Programmes for physically and mentally handicapped children.

Mongolia. Welfare activities with emphasis on handicapped children.

Nepal. Augment resources to help the disabled; establish schools in leprosaria.

New Zealand. Crippled Children Society and the New Zealand Society for the Intellectually Handicapped very active.

Oman. Survey on the extent and problems of handicapped children.

Pakistan. Research programmes for mentally handicapped children; education programmes for disabled children; seminars on prevention of blindness and other disabilities; legislation affecting the blind and rehabilitation of the handicapped.

Philippines. Special events focusing on involving disabled children.

Qatar. Programme for the rehabilitation of moderately mentally handicapped children; planning the establishment of a centre for the rehabilitation of handicapped children.

Republic of Korea. Research to improve status of mentally and physically handicapped children; special education for the handicapped; increasing aid for handicapped children in other countries.

Samoa. National survey of handicapped children.

Singapore. Radio and television programme on the problems of handicapped children.

Solomon Islands. Creation of a centre for handicapped children.

Sri Lanka. National survey on the handicapped child; establishing homes for handicapped children.

Syrian Arab Republic. Establishment of two institutions for physically and mentally handicapped children; training programme for the teaching of deaf mutes.

Thailand. National objectives include physically disabled children.

United Arab Emirates. Interministerial committee studying the problems and needs of handicapped children; establishment of Regional Centre for the Rehabilitation of Mentally Retarded and Physically Handicapped Children.

Viet Nam. Expanded help to war-disabled orphans; increased facilities for blind, deaf and mute children.

Yemen. Programme for the care of handicapped children.

Europe

Austria. Symposia on integrating handicapped persons through creativity; Austrian UNESCO Commission; Austrian Junior Red Cross.

Belgium. Belgian Red Cross - summer camps for handicapped children; Catholic Association for Handicapped Children - campaign for the integration of handicapped children into the community.

Bulgaria. Programmes for physically and mentally handicapped children.

Cyprus. Expansion of educational and training programmes for disabled children; increased practical measures to help children suffering from Cooley's anemia.

Czechoslovakia. Comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation of children with chronic diseases; provision of facilities and care for handicapped children and training of personnel to work with the handicapped.

Finland. Finnish Refugee Council - campaign to help handicapped refugee children.

German Democratic Republic. National research project on the handicapped child; manufacture of teaching aids and toys for blind children in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Germany, Federal Republic of. National priorities include handicapped children, education for mentally retarded children; National Week of the Handicapped Child to discuss the problem of early diagnosis and treatment and rehabilitation of handicapped children.

Hungary. National conference on problems of retarded children.

Iceland. National objective: situation of mentally and physically handicapped children; Icelandic Society for Psychology - children in need of special care (socially and physically handicapped).

Ireland. Fund-raising to aid the handicapped.

Israel. National objective: exceptional child (exceptional to handicapped); playgrounds specially designed for the handicapped.

Italy. Special attention to disabled and institutionalized children.

Liechtenstein. Emphasis on continuing school education for mentally handicapped children.

Netherlands. National objective: study causes of maladjustment of children; symposium on the child in physiotherapy.

Poland. Rehabilitation of handicapped children.

Portugal. Symposia on handicapped children.

Romania. Establishing section for the rehabilitation of handicapped children, including a new section for treatment of children with speech malfunctions.

Spain. Programme for mentally and physically handicapped children.

Sweden. Activities to benefit children suffering from multiple handicaps.

United Kingdom. Programmes for handicapped adolescents; Holiday Adventure Centre for Physically Handicapped Children where families can enjoy holidays with their children.

Yugoslavia. Extended services for mentally and physically handicapped children; integration of children with hearing and speech impairments into regular school system.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina. Special attention to blind children, including early stimulation.

Bahamas. Upgrade services to the handicapped child.

Belize. Seminar on early detection of handicaps.

Bolivia. National study of the situation of handicapped children.

British Virgin Islands. Survey to identify handicapped children.

Chile. National Plan for the Child includes priority attention to children with special needs, including the physically and mentally handicapped.

Colombia. Regulation of recreational activities for the handicapped; parental education including early detection of the handicapped child; research in the problem of nutritionally caused blindness.

Costa Rica. Plans for early detection and treatment of handicapped children; special Olympics for retarded children.

Cuba. Project of artistic appreciation for handicapped children.

Ecuador. Approval of new legislation to facilitate a comprehensive approach to the treatment of handicapped children.

El Salvador. School centre for handicapped children.

Grenada. Survey of handicapped children.

Guadeloupe. National objectives include schools and workshops for mentally and physically handicapped children; plans for the participation of handicapped children in all activities designed for children.

Guyana. Fund-raising events for deaf mutes; handicapped children; Kiwanis action in programmes for the handicapped.

Honduras. National plan includes social rehabilitation programme for maladjusted and handicapped children, including the establishment of a centre for the special care of mentally and physically handicapped children.

Jamaica. Educational project "Know Our Handicapped Children" to generate public awareness and provide information on the prevention of handicapping conditions.

Peru. Seminar workshop on problems of the Peruvian child with special emphasis on handicapped children; Week of the Handicapped Child.

St. Kitts-Nevis. Training personnel to care for handicapped children.

Saint Lucia. Surveying the extent of problems of handicapped children.

Suriname. Includes programmes for handicapped children.

Trinidad and Tobago. Compilation of a comprehensive register of disabled children; sheltered workshops for the mentally retarded.

Uruguay. Programme for early detection of physical handicaps; research into mental problems of children; rehabilitation of handicapped children.

Venezuela. Rehabilitation of handicapped children.

UNESCO - International project to provide books for the blind

The Co-operative Action Programme of UNESCO, in collaboration with the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, is launching an international project to provide books for the blind.

UNESCO - Special Education Voluntary Contribution Fund

According to resolution 1.133 adopted by the UNESCO General Conference at its fourteenth session in 1966, the Director-General was authorized to develop a programme in special education for handicapped children and youth on the basis of voluntary contributions from member States. An appeal to member States to contribute to the programme was submitted in January 1968. Since the appeal was renewed in December 1978 and on 31 December 1979, member States have offered voluntary contributions, as follows: Cameroon, $5,000; India, $1,900; Iraq, $5,000; Kenya, $500; Malta, $570; Mauritius, $2,500; Netherlands, $5,000; and United Republic of Tanzania $1,200. One private donor has also contributed. The total amount of contributions thus far is $21,750.

Voluntary contributions have also been provided in non-financial form. The Federal Republic of Germany has offered an international expert meeting in 1981 on the integration of persons with severe and multiple handicaps into vocational education; the German Democratic Republic has offered two three-month fellowships to study special education at Humboldt University; and the United States has offered an international seminar in 1981 on the role of parents and pre-school education in early detection and intervention concerning young handicapped children.

WHO - Training the disabled in the community

The project aims at providing effective yet inexpensive means to meet the basic needs for rehabilitation through services at the community level. To this end, the first draft of a manual on rehabilitation in developing countries, entitled "Training the disabled in the community", was prepared and published by the Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Programme, Division of Strengthening of Health Services, WHO, Geneva.

In connection with this project, a consultation meeting was convened by WHO at Mexico City in November, to discuss the practical possibility of implementing rehabilitation programmes for the disabled in developing countries. It was attended by 17 participants representing five regions of WHO, plus representatives of the ILO and UNICEF.

Commission of the European Communities (CEC) - Activities concerning the rehabilitation of the handicapped; rehabilitation network

The European network of 28 rehabilitation and training centres in the CEC member states has continued to function through subgroups organized to draw up specific programmes and through bilateral exchange visits to study specific aspects of rehabilitation work. An outline of the work assessment process was completed. Another subgroup has almost completed the guidelines for a training programme for vocational guidance staff in rehabilitation and training centres. This will be added to the already completed guidelines for training programmes for directors, vocational training instructors, placement officers and multi-disciplinary teams. It is hoped that this information will be published.

France - English Language Library for the Blind

The English Language Library for the Blind, 5 avenue Daniel-Lesueur, 75007 Paris, lends recorded books of English and American literature to the blind and partially sighted in 18 countries. Many subscribers are students, working on French degrees for the teaching of English. The talking books are recorded by a group of 50 volunteers, who are a cross-section of the English-speaking community in Paris. The annual membership fee is F100.

CAMR-CIMR - Leaflet

The CAMR, which sponsors the Caribbean Institute on Mental Retardation and other Developmental Disabilities, has issued a leaflet giving, among other things, the following information: the CAMR is a non-profit, non-governmental organization created to serve the mentally retarded person in the Caribbean region. Its secretariat is located in Puerto Rico. It accepts as members associations working on behalf of retarded persons. It has members in Antigua, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Colombia, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, French Guiana, Guyana, Grenada, Guadaloupe, Haiti, Jamaica, Montseratt, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts-Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Virgin Islands and Venezuela.

Among the objectives of the Association are the following: to keep under review the work being done for retarded persons of all ages and to initiate and promote programmes; to co-operate, inform and assist the Governments in the area; to foster collaboration between organizations of and for retarded persons; to stimulate the establishment of parents associations for retarded children.

CF - Course on mobilization and manipulation, Singapore, September/October 1979

The foundation financed the attendance of Mr. Neil Turtle, a course tutor from the South Australian Institute of Technology, at the first of three courses being held in 1979, 1980 and 1981, which are being conducted by leading physiotherapists from Commonwealth countries.

CF - Inaugural Meeting of the Caribbean Association of Rehabilitation Therapists, Barbados, November 1979

The Foundation financed the attendance of one representative each from the Bahamas, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, at the

inaugural meeting of the Association, whose aims are to promote the development of rehabilitation therapy in the Caribbean and to consider programmes for the education and training of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, social workers and psychologists.

CF - Indian Spastics Society: a series of four conferences at Delhi, Culcutta, Bombay and Bangalore, November 1979

The Foundation financed the attendance of two field workers from the Spastics Centre of New South Wales, Australia, and a remedial expert from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, at this series of conferences.

CF - Forthcoming National Congress of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association, Hyderabad, India, February 1980

The Foundation financed the attendance of Mrs. M.C.L. Greene, a senior speech therapist from the United Kingdom, at the Congress. She was invited to speak on the latest developments in audiology and speech pathology.

CF - Study visit to the Cassell Hospital, Richmond, Surrey, United Kingdom, 1980

The Foundation has agreed to finance a visit by Dr. M.R. Duggirala, Senior Psychiatrist at the Institute of Mental Health, Ahmedabad, India, to the Cassell Hospital for three months, starting in April 1980, in order to study the techniques employed there in respect of both in-patient work and training programmes for the mentally ill.

CF - World Congress of Rehabilitation International, Winnipeg, Canada June 1980

The Foundation has agreed to finance the attendance of Mrs. Hilary Bethell, Vice-President of the Barbados Association of Rehabilitation Therapists at this Congress.

CWOIH - Organization

The Council of World Organizations Interested in the Handicapped involves 39 international organizations working in rehabilitation and related fields and having official relationships with the agencies of the United Nations system. Norman Acton, Secretary-General of RI, was re-elected Chairman of the Council at the December meeting.

ICC - Consultation

Dr. Raverdy, as a consultant for ICC, participated in an informal consultation on the community integration of the handicapped, organized by WHO in Mexico, from 19 to 24 November 1979.

ICEVH - Educational kit for the blind

The sponsorship programme among the European, North American and Oceanic countries, whereby blind students in those countries were encouraged to donate $US 20 ($25, as of 1980) for a kit for the blind, has proved most successful. The kit is a portable wooden case containing a standard Braille writing frame, a pocket frame, an abacus, a Braille ruler, two tape measures and a spurred

wheel for embossing diagrams. The kit was developed in co-operation between the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, Christoffel Blindenmission and the Voltas Company at Bombay. A total of 1961 Braille kits have been donated, and it is hoped that their distribution will be completed in needy areas by the end of 1980.

IFMSS - Organization and activities

The International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies co-ordinates and stimulates the care and rehabilitation of multiple sclerosis sufferers in different countries; at present, 20 national MS societies are active. International Committees for Public Education and Patient Services provide an exchange of information and develop services in close co-operation with the International Medical Advisory Board aiming at the amelioration of the management and integration of MS sufferers in the family and in the community. The specific problems of multiple sclerosis sufferers were discussed in a regional meeting in Paris (1979) and a federation meeting at Vienna. The newest developments and goals for the near future were discussed. Together with the CWOIH and RI, IFMSS wishes to contribute to the preparations for IYDP.

ILSMH - Organization

ILSMH now has 83 member societies - 42 full members, 40 affiliated organizations and two associate (regional) members - in 63 countries of the five continents (more than two thirds of them in developing countries). It sends official representatives to the United Nations in New York, at Geneva and Vienna. It has consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, UNESCO, the ILO and WHO (through the Joint Commission on International Aspects of Mental Retardation) and was represented at general, specialized and regional meetings of those organizations in 1979.

ILSMH - Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Handicapped Persons

Further to previous actions already taken in this particular field, ILSMH has now published a guide for the implementation of the rights of mentally handicapped persons, entitled Step by Step (Pas à Pas, Schritt für Schritt, Paso a Paso). This four-language brochure will be available in March 1980. Though not yet published, translations in several other languages are also available (Dutch, Italian, Norwegian and - in preparation - Arabic and Hebrew). (See also part V of this report.)

ILSMH - International Year of the Child

ILSMH collaborated with IYC not only by urging all its member national societies to take part in the work of their IYC national committees but also by organizing an international symposium, "The retarded child today - the adult of tomorrow". The symposium was hosted by its member national society in the United States in November 1979. (See also Chapter III).

ILSMH - Special action with UNESCO

ILSMH took a very active part in the consultation undertaken by UNESCO in April 1979 regarding the up-dating of its programme and budget, and covering, among other topics, the scope and nature of special education. ILSMH asked all

all its member societies to urge their governments to actively participate in such consultations, emphasizing the need for UNESCO to develop programmes in special education.

ILSMH is at present preparing a report for UNESCO, after consulting with its member societies, on the participation of mentally handicapped persons in cultural life and artistic activities.

ILSMH - Collaboration with the ILO

ILSMH made known to its members the recommendations and conclusions of the ILO European Symposium on Work for the Disabled - Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Creation (Poland and Sweden, June 1979), and the resolution on disabled persons and ILO participation in IYDP, adopted by the ILO at its last General Conference.

ILSMH - Collaboration with WHO

The Joint Commission on International Aspects of Mental Retardation, formed of delegates from ILSMH and IASSMD, has prepared for WHO a document entitled "Prevention - services - amelioration".

ILSMH - Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations in Europe

ILSMH has formed a Commission on European Affairs that will enforce the already existing collaboration of ILSMH with the programmes devoted to handicapped persons developed by those organizations.

IOA - Activities

In 1979 IOA added four more national associations to its membership. It also published the names, addresses and products of manufacturers of ostomy equipment and supplies throughout the world.

On 3 December the dedication of the Hiralal Narang School of Enterostomal Therapy took place at Tata Memorial Hospital at Bombay, India. The Third General Meeting was held at Washington, D.C., from 25 to 28 May 1980.

ISPO - International standards in prosthetics and orthotics

The Society collaborated with the International Standards Organization in establishing a new technical committee (ISO-TC 168) to consider the setting of standards in the area of prosthetics and orthotics. Consideration was given to three separate areas, and three working groups were formed to examine medical aspects, terminology and strength.

ISPO - International evaluation in prosthetics and orthotics

The Society continues to seek the establishment of an international evaluation agency to operate under the aegis of ISPO. At a meeting held in Poland in July, with the collaboration of the Rehabilitation Services Agency of the United States, representatives of 14 nations considered the proposal. Follow-up is planned.

RCSB - Self-help Endowment Fund Projects

The object of the Endowment Fund is to promote the education, rehabilitation and employment of blind women and girls in the developing countries of the Commonwealth and to advance their status and integration in the domestic, economic and social life of their communities. During 1979, 20 projects in nine countries were financed from the Fund, which will continue its activities in 1980.

RCSB - Commonwealth Opportunity Fund

During 1979, the Society continued to provide educational equipment to blind students in secondary and higher education in the developing countries of the Commonwealth and also used the Fund to finance rehabilitation and placement training. An expansion of the Fund's use is planned for 1980, in consultation with education ministries and national societies for the blind.

RCSB - Supply of basic Braille equipment

A total of 9,000 kits of basic Braille equipment have been distributed to date to blind children attending school in developing countries of the Commonwealth. The kits become the personal property of the children. The Society intends to continue with the presentation of the kits in 1980.

RCSB - Scholarships awarded to overseas students

During 1979, the Society awarded 11 scholarships to students from the developing countries of the Commonwealth, mainly to study the education of visually handicapped children. A further 10 scholarships were awarded for studies in 1980.

RI - Full Participation

Policies and activities to utilize to a greater degree the contribution of disabled people in the formulation of RI policy were recommended by the organization's Council at a meeting at Mulhouse, France, which was held from 27 to 29 March 1979. A resolution transmitting the recommendations to the RI Assembly, which met at Winnipeg, Canada, in June 1980, states that "Full participation by disabled persons, their families and their organizations has been and continues to be the policy of Rehabilitation International".

RI - Organization and aims

Rehabilitation International is a non-governmental federation of organizations carrying out programmes for disability prevention and rehabilitation. In 1979, 103 organizations in 62 countries were members. Founded in 1922 as the International Society for Crippled Children, and since 1969 known as Rehabilitation International, the general purposes of the organization are:

(a) To stimulate and assist the development of:

(i) Measures for the prevention of physical and mental disability;

(ii) Services for the educational, medical, social and vocational rehabilitation of disabled persons;

(iii) International, regional and national organizations devoted to these purposes;

(iv) Effective legislation in the various nations to assure these services and to protect the rights of disabled persons;

(v) Research into the causes of disability, its prevention and rehabilitation;

(b) To obtain maximum exchange of information relevant to the above;

(c) To organize or support international congresses and other meetings;

(d) To represent at the international level the interests of disabled persons and of individuals and organizations working in related fields.

RI - Decade of Rehabilitation

The Decade of Rehabilitation, 1970-1980, was proclaimed by Rehabilitation International in 1969 and formally concluded at the Fourteenth World Rehabilitation Congress (Winnipeg) in June, where RI recognized the people and organizations whose contributions to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade were most significant.

RI - Proceedings of RI conference on legislation

The proceedings of the second RI conference on legislation concerning the disabled, held in January 1978 at Manila, the Philippines, are now available.

WCWB - Joint IFB/WCWB working group

At the General Assemblies of IFB and WCWB, held at Antwerp, Belgium, in July - August 1979, a joint working group was set up to find ways for the two organizations to co-operate more closely and effectively on the national, regional and international levels in the wider interests of blind people throughout the world.

WCWB/UNESCO Co-operative Action Programme

During 1979, WCWB distributed aid, in the form of UNUM cheques, to associations working for the blind in the countries listed below, under the above-named Programme. The aid was made possible thanks to the generosity of donors in the Federal Republic of Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

France. $150 was sent to the Centre d'amitiés jeunes aveugles, to help with the dissemination of Braille books to developing countries.

India. The Red Cross School for the Blind at Orissa, India, received $1,000 towards the cost of a Thermoform printing machine.

Mali: $150 in UNUM cheques was donated to the Mali Association for the Welfare of the Blind for the purchase of Braille paper for use at its School for Blind Children at Bamako; $5,000 was donated towards the financing of Operation YELEEN ("light"), a prevention-of-blindness campaign initiated by

the French Organization for the Prevention of Blindness, in co-operation with the Mali authorities, l'Organisation de coordination et de coopération pour la lutte contre les grandes endémics and l'Institut tropical d'ophthalmologie en Afrique.

Morocco. Organisation alaouite pour la protection des aveugles au Maroc" received $1,100 towards the purchase of educational materials for the blind.

Philippines. A donation of $5,000 was sent to the Council on Blindness at Manila for prevention-of-blindness activities in the Philippines; $5,000 was sent by WCWB to the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) for the purchase of ophthalmic equipment required for its various projects.

WCWB - Special Fund for Aid to Developing Countries

The Special Fund for Aid to Developing Countries will be set up in accordance with a decision taken by the Sixth World Assembly of WCWB, held at Antwerp, Belgium, from 1 to 10 August 1979.

WCWB/UNESCO Co-operative Action Programme

Member countries are reminded that all requests for assistance under WCWB/UCA 614, "Books and equipment for the blind, Foresight prevents blindness", should be sent to the WCWB secretariat in Paris as soon as possible, with a detailed description of the project to be aided, so that applications can be considered by the World Council's Committee on Development Co-operation.

WCWB/Helen Keller Foundation - Participation in International Year of the Child, 1979

Within the framework of International Year of the Child, one of the international members of WCWB, Helen Keller International, United States, acted as secretariat of the Working Group on the Handicapped Child.

WFD - Organisation

The World Federation of the Deaf was established at the First World Congress of the Deaf, held in Rome in 1951, with the aim of promoting a new approach towards deafness and its implications, at national and international levels. At present the Federation is made up of 69 national associations and 15 associated members; 253 experts in different fields related to deafness constitute the scientific section of WFD, subdivided into the following commissions:

(a) Medical audiological commission (Professor Leopoldo Fiori-Ratti, Italy);

(b) Pedagogical commission (Dr. Mervin Garretson, United States);

(c) Psychological commission (Dr. Lars Von der Lieth, Denmark);

(d) Commission for total communication (Mr. Alan Hayhurst, United Kingdom);

(e) Art and Culture commission (Mr. Felix-Jesùs Pinedo Peydro, Spain);

(f) Commission on social aspects of deafness (Mr. Jossif Guillman, Soviet Union);

(g) Commission for professional rehabilitation (Dr. Hrbert Feuchte, Germany, Federal Republic of);

(h) Commission for technical assistance to developing countries (Dr. P.O. Mba, Nigeria);

(i) Commission for spiritual aid to deaf people (Dr. E.F. Kolb, Switzerland).

WORTU - School for the Deaf

ORT Israel operates, at Tel-Aviv, a vocational training school for the deaf, where students receive therapy in addition to training in mechanics and needle trades.

HKI - Helen Keller World Centennial

1980 is Helen Keller Centennial Anniversary Year. Conferences and seminars are being held around the world to commemorate the memory of Dr. Helen Keller. Year-long observances are being planned by governments and organizations around the world. The official date of Helen Keller's centennial is 27 June 1980, and special tributes, commemorative stamps, an international conference, a major television documentary on blindness, and other activities are being organized.

The international conference on preventing childhood blindness is planned by HKI in co-operation with the World Health Organization and the Government of Indonesia. Although plans are still incomplete, the conference is scheduled to be held in Indonesia before the end of the year as a major HKI centennial activity. The conference will focus on nutritional blindness.

HKI - Award

The International Association of Lions Clubs received the 1979 Helen Keller International Award for outstanding contributions to the field of blindness. The Award was presented at a special ceremony held at the world headquarters of HKI last November. This is the first time since the award was established in 1959 that it has been presented to an organization rather than an individual.

The Lions Clubs were cited for their numerous sight-conservation and anti-blindness projects in the United States and abroad. Their projects have included eye banks, dog-training schools, eye camps, glaucoma detection screenings, and research and education efforts into the causes of major eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma and xerophthalmia. The impetus for the deep involvement of the Lions Clubs in the field of blindness dates back to 1925, in response to an appeal from Helen Keller.

ICGI - Organization and goals

Goodwill International has an affiliate relationship with 38 rehabilitation agencies in over 23 countries which form part of the International Council of Goodwill Industries. The International Council has an Executive Committee which is formed from its membership and meets annually to design and carry out programmes of mutual interest to its membership.

The Goodwill goal is "to improve the quality of life of handicapped persons in developing countries through increased vocational training and employment opportunities".

NACH - Survey of handicaps

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), is planning to conduct a national population survey of handicapped persons during February - May 1981. The information will be collected by specially trained interviewers. Results from the survey will be published towards the end of 1981. The survey sample is expected to involve approximately 35,000 dwellings from all states and territories. Although a survey of this nature will not meet all conceivable data requirements, it will provide a wide range of data on persons who are physically or mentally handicapped. Persons with a handicap which is primarily social in nature will not be included. A working group has been established by ABS to resolve problems in definitions and concepts, and to oversee the development work.

VI. INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS

United Nations Activities

Preparatory work for IYDP continued in 1979. The Advisory Committee for IYDP, established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/170 and composed of 23 Member States under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Mansur R. Kikhia, Ambassador of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, met for the first time at New York in March 1979. The second session took place from 20 to 29 August 1980 at Vienna.

In the course of its first meeting, the Advisory Committee approved a number of recommendations 1/ for activities at the national, regional and international levels to be undertaken during IYDP. The recommendations were subsequently adopted by the General Assembly as a Plan of Action, with the theme "Full participation and equality". (The text of the relevant General Assembly resolution is in annex IV). The General Assembly also recommended that specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations participate in implementing the Plan of Action. Among the measures to be undertaken in order to observe the IYDP are:

(a) Regional meetings to be convened by the regional commissions or other regional intergovernmental organizations and/or interested Governments, possibly during the second half of 1980;

(b) A symposium of experts on technical co-operation among developing countries and technical assistance for disabled persons, to be convened in mid 1981 in a developing country;

(c) Preparation of a long-term programme of action to achieve the objectives of IYDP and implementation of the Declarations on the Rights of Disabled Persons and on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons.

Implementation of the IYDP Plan of Action is being carried out by the IYDP secretariat. Since 1 January 1980, the IYDP secretariat has functioned within the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs at Vienna. Mrs. Zala L. N'Kanza, Director of the Centre, is Executive Secretary of IYDP.

1/ See A/34/158.

IYDP emblem

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/154, an IYDP emblem was established in December 1979. Further information about it may be obtained from:

Division of Economic and Social Information
Department of Public Information
United Nations, New York, NY 10017

IYDP consultations and meetings

Two informal interagency consultations (2-3 April and 6 July) and one ad hoc interagency meeting (12-13 December 1979) on the International Year of Disabled Persons were held all at Geneva. The interagency meeting was attended by the representatives of UNDP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, the ILO, UNESCO, WHO, UPU and CWOIH as well as several different units of the United Nations Secretariat. The informal consultations had a somewhat more limited participation.

Representation at meetings

Representatives of the United Nations attended 15 international, regional and national conferences, meetings and seminars, including those organized by the ILO, CWOIH, FITIMIC, ICAMI, ICPRR, RI and WBF, in 10 different countries, giving addresses on the aims and goals of IYDP and seeking the support of Governments, non-governmental organizations and voluntary groups for the Year's programme. By the end of 1979, national liaison officers or agencies had been appointed in 50 countries, and national IYDP committees had been established in 23 countries, either by Governments or interested non-governmental organizations.

United Nations - Expert mission on rehabilitation and integration of the disabled

See Bahrain, page 26.

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

See Portugal, page 45.

United Nations - Mission of the interregional adviser in rehabilitation

See Saudi Arabia, page 38.

ECA - Symposium in 1980/1981

For the 1980-1981 biennium, ECA proposes to hold a regional symposium during IYDP.

ECE - Movement of handicapped persons in traffic

Within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe, a group of experts on road traffic safety prepared, among other things, a recommendation on measures intended to facilitate the movement of handicapped persons in road traffic. The recommendation was approved by the ECE Working Party on Road Transport at its session held from 19 to 23 November 1979 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, and is contained in an annex to the report of the group on its thirty-eighth session, held from 24 to 27 September 1979. Further information is available from:

Transport Division
Economic Commission for Europe
Palais des Nations
Geneva, Switzerland.

UNDP - Symposium on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and Technical Assistance for Disabled Persons, 1981

See page 69.

UNICEF - Assistance to handicapped children

As a result of IYC, there is considerable interest on the part of UNICEF in widening the scope of its concern and co-operation with groups of disabled persons, such as handicapped children. The general consensus of the UNICEF Executive Board which met in May 1979 was that, although UNICEF has already been assisting a number of countries in this field, it would be desirable to provide more co-operation.

UNICEF/1979, IYC - Inquiries about IYDP

The IYC secretariat has received and continues to receive many inquiries about IYDP. Organizations which have had an active interest in IYC wish to follow through in IYDP and to become in some way associated with that programme. A high degree of concern has been expressed by IYC commissions and national as well as international organizations with respect to the handicapped child.

UNICEF/1979, IYC - Guides to national commissions and non-governmental organizations

The IYC secretariat has issued a series of papers as a guide to non-governmental organizations and national commissions and in developing relevant activities on the topics discussed. Four of the discussion papers have a

direct bearing on IYDP: "Handicapped children"; "The fact of stigma"; "The learning disabled children: who they are and how do we teach them?"; "Preventive art and play therapy". They are issued in French, English and Spanish, and are available from the IYC secretariat.

UNICEF - Global study on the handicapped child

See page 84.

ILO - Contribution to IYDP

The ILO vocational rehabilitation programme for the biennium 1980-1981 will be geared to the aims and objectives of IYDP and will include the following:

(a) A world-wide study on vocational rehabilitation legislation;

(b) Special IYDP brochures and other publicity material;

(c) Display of ILO vocational rehabilitation activities at the time of the International Labour Conference;

(d) ILO vocational rehabilitation fellowships to mark the special year;

(e) A vocational rehabilitation regional seminar (in collaboration with a multilateral or bilateral organization);

(f) Fullest possible assistance through ILO headquarters, regional and area office network to IYDP programmes planned by member States;

(g) Fullest possible involvement in the co-operation with the programmes planned by the United Nations, other specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations.

During the same period, the ILO programme of occupational safety and health will include a number of projects aimed at the prevention of disability, including:

(a) A study of national policies for the prevention of occupational hazards in the coal-mining industry;

(b) A study of patterns of diseases and accidents in rural areas;

(c) Preparatory work and a meeting of experts with a view to the publication of a code of practice on occupational safety and health in the iron and steel industry;

(d) A study of successful industrial safety and hygiene programmes at both government and enterprise level;

(e) Preparatory work for the revision of the Model Code of Safety Regulations for Industrial Establishments for the Guidance of Government and Industry;

(f) A meeting of the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Occupational Health;

(g) Preparatory work and an international symposium on the prevention of occupational cancer;

(h) A study on the prevention of occupational hazards due to vibration;

(i) A review of options for extending occupational safety and health to underprivileged rural areas and small enterprises;

(j) A study on protection against non-ionizing radiations;

(k) Continuation of the work of the world-wide Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre.

ILO - Resolution concerning disabled persons

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation unanimously adopted a resolution concerning disabled persons at its sixty-fifth session at Geneva, in June 1979.

The operative text of the resolution calls on the Governing Body of the ILO:

(a) To instruct the Director-General to mark IYDP by laying stress on activities designed to contribute to the Year, for example,

(i) By publicizing relevant ILO standards and by assisting member States, on their request, to implement them;

(ii) By gathering, as far as possible for 1981, documentation on legislation, experience and research in the area of social integration and vocational rehabilitation of the physically and mentally disabled and handicapped in member countries;

(iii) By making an appropriate contribution to the related activities of the United Nations, WHO and other members of the United Nations family;

(b) To consider placing on the agenda of an early session of the International Labour Conference the question of revising the Vocational Rehabilitation (Disabled) Recommendation, 1955 (No. 99).

ILO - Regional vocational rehabilitation expert (Latin America)

See Chile, p. 51.

ITU - TELECOM '79

With reference to IYDP, TELECOM '79, the World Telecommunications Exhibition, organized by the International Telecommunication Union and held from 20 to 26 September 1979 at Geneva, included a special stand for telecommunication equipment for the use of disabled persons.

UNESCO/OECD - Inter-secretariat meeting, 1979

See page 69.

UNESCO - Expert meeting on integration, 1981

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UNESCO - Seminar on early intervention, 1981

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UNESCO - International conference on special education, 1981

See page 70.

UNESCO - New edition of World Braille Usage

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UNESCO - Study on terminology used in special education

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WHO - Activities related to IYDP

Activities related to IYDP will receive special attention in all WHO activities during the period 1980-1981. Particular emphasis will be placed on the prevention of disabilities due to malnutrition and contagious and non-contagious diseases.

WHO - "The disabled in the community"

See page 87.

Finland - Participation in IYDP

In accordance with the request of the General Assembly, in September 1979 the Finnish Government established a national committee responsible for the preparation, national co-ordination and follow-up of activities for IYDP. At present the committee is preparing a plan of activities for 1981; the plan will stress the importance of international co-operation in this field, in particular as related to the needs of the developing countries.

CAMR and CIMR - Contribution to IYDP

A vigorous programme of public education will be carried out as part of the celebration of IYDP.

CI - Creation of a study commission

The executive committee of Caritas Internationalis decided to create for IYDP a study commission of experts and handicapped persons from different countries. The commission will examine the needs and tendencies in the field of physically and mentally handicapped persons and submit operational proposals to Caritas.

CWOIH - Plans for IYDP

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Council, which took place at Geneva from 10 to 11 December 1979, decided to study the possibilities of increasing the impact of its work in preparation for IYDP. A resolution, approved unanimously by the meeting, urges all organizers of international meetings to assure that the facilities being used are accessible to disabled persons and that the necessary equipment and personnel be supplied, in order to ensure communication with individuals having vision or hearing impairments.

CWOIH - IYC Working Group on the Handicapped Child

The Working Group on the Handicapped Child, which is a part of the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for the International Year of the Child, is requesting information concerning all projects in its field that have been launched during IYDP.

CWOIH, which formed the Working Group for the committee, recommended that primary emphasis be placed during IYC on programmes for the prevention of physical, sensory and mental disabilities. Other action of the Working Group has included the provision of information to local organizations wishing to launch programmes and the establishment of contacts between such local groups and specialized international organizations. The preparation of seminars by a sub-working group is provided by Helen Keller International, an affiliate of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind.

IFMSS - Contribution to IYDP

Regarding preparations for IYDP, each member society will plan appropriate activities and co-ordinate local efforts to commemorate IYDP in close co-operation with the designated IYDP liaison agency in its own home country.

ILSMH - Contribution to IYDP

Some six or seven regional conferences will be initiated by, co-sponsored by, or organized under the auspices of ILSMH in the course of 1981, as part of its contribution to IYDP. Other more specific action will be initiated later on, in collaboration with ILSMH member national societies.

ISSA - Research conference: Implications for social security of research on invalidity, 1981

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LRCS - Participation in IYDP

The secretariat of the League of Red Cross Societies is encouraging each of its 126 member societies to participate in IYDP. Plans are under way to hold a seminar on a related theme in Norway in 1981, organized jointly by the League and the Norwegian Red Cross.

RCSB - Preparation for IYDP

The Society is actively promoting preparations for IYDP through its regional representatives and affiliated national organizations for the blind.

RI - IYDP support programme

Rehabilitation International has launched as a major activity, a support programme for the International Year of Disabled Persons. Its objectives will be to co-operate closely with the United Nations unit responsible for the Year; to enlist the widest possible participation, especially by disabled persons and their organizations; to assist organizations and Governments in preparing plans for the Year; to achieve maximum dissemination of the principles of the Year; and to enrich the role and standing of organizations of and for disabled persons throughout the world.

RI - Third European Regional Conference, 1981

See page 41.

WAGGGS - Contribution to IYDP

As was reported in the 1978 issue of the Summary, as preparation for the IYDP, the organization plans to devote the October 1980 issue of Council Fire to the theme of the disabled and their rehabilitation.

WCWB - Committee on Asian Affairs

In many countries work has already begun on the drawing-up of plans for the observation of IYDP. While IYDP will serve to focus attention on the problems and needs of disabled people, it is hoped that it will serve as a means of drawing-up long-term plans and establishing on-going programmes. In India a high-powered committee consisting of union and government officials and representatives of national organizations concerned with the welfare of the handicapped has been set up under the chairmanship of the Minister for Education and Health. A draft national plan has been adopted. The two focal points of this plan are the provision of employment opportunities for the disabled and education for disabled children. Other programmes revolve around those two aims.

WCWB - Sixth World Assembly, 1979

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WFD - Participation in IYDP

For IYDP, WFD will organize the following:

(a) Two seminars of 12 experts each on theatre and visual language of the deaf. The seminars will accomplish the preparatory work for international festivals and exhibitions that will be held in different countries throughout the year.

(b) An international festival of deaf theatre, with the co-operation of deaf theatre groups.

(c) An international art exhibition and a symposium on deaf art and culture, with the participation of well-known deaf artists and followed by a discussion on the real participation of the deaf in cultural life.

(d) In 1980 the Bureau of WFD will hold two meetings in the United States to evaluate the impact of each programme at an international level. A special meeting of the Bureau will also be scheduled to write up the recommendations to be published for IYDP.

(e) There will be various meetings of the commissions of the scientific section and an international conference on deafness and the society of noise and mass media - communication and participation: civil and human rights of the deaf, followed by an exhibition of special equipment such as writing telephones and video cassettes. This conference will be preceded by a number of preparatory meetings.

(f) An international seminar will take place on instruction and education of prelingual deaf (The deaf child between gesture and language), with the participation of famous experts in the field of special education.

(g) WFD is at present carrying out a study for UNESCO on innovative information and examples of good practice in special education. Many aspects of special education will be taken into consideration with the help of slides and an accompanying script, recorded in English and French.

(h) World Week of the Deaf (fourth week of September 1981) will be held in all member countries of WFD, with exhibitions, deaf theatre plays, seminars and reunions.

WFD - Activities

See page 4.

WFMH - Preparations for IYDP

The WFMH preparations for IYDP include the congress to be held at Manila, the Philippines, from 27 July to 1 August 1981 on the tentative theme, "Mental health, values and social development: a look into the 80's".

WFOT - Participation in IYDP

The activities for IYDP will not be finalized until after the Council meets in August 1980.

WVF - Sixteenth General Assembly, Florence, October 1979

See page 80.

CARE - Project to assist handicapped adults

See Philippines, page 36.

ECSWTR - Expert meeting on social aspects of handicaps in children, 1980

See page 81.

NACH - Survey of handicaps

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Annex I

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

(whose activities are reported in the present issue of the Summary)

Organization	Address	Pages
United Nations		
CSDHA	Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs Social Development Branch Vienna International Centre P.O. Box 500 A-1400 Vienna, Austria	1, 7, 13, 14, 21, 26, 27, 31, 38, 41, 45, 57, 68, 84, 113, 114, 115
ESDP	European Social Development Programme (suspended at end of 1979) CSDHA, Vienna, as above	
IYDP	International Year of Disabled Persons, Secretariat CSDHA, as above	113, 114
DND	Division of Narcotic Drugs Vienna International Centre P.O. Box 500 A-1400 Vienna, Austria	84
DTCD	Department of Technical Co-operation for Development United Nations Secretariat New York, N.Y. 10017 United States of America	13, 27
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa P.O. Box 3001 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	84, 115
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe Palais des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland	115
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme United Nations New York, N.Y. 10017 United States of America	7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 29, 33, 36, 51, 52, 69, 115
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund 866 United Nations Plaza New York, N.Y. 10017 United States of America	6, 8, 13, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 54, 55, 84, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 115, 116
IYC	International Year of the Child Secretariat UNICEF, as above	95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 115

UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East Vienna International Centre P.O. Box 700 A-1400 Vienna, Austria	21, 22

Specialized agencies of the United Nations

ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization P.O. Box 400 1000 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2R2 Canada	95
ILO	International Labour Office Vocational Rehabilitation Section Vocational Training and Guidance Branch 4, route des Morillons CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland	1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 44, 45, 46, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 69, 85, 107, 116
ITU	International Telecommunication Union Place des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland	117
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Special Programmes Section Division of Structures, Contents, Methods and Techniques of Education 7, place de Fontenoy F-75700 Paris, France	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 22, 27, 29, 32, 33, 34, 36, 39, 65, 69, 70, 85, 86, 103, 106, 109, 110
WHO	World Health Organization Division of Strengthening of Health Services 20 Avenue Appia CH-1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland	2, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 26, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 65, 70, 78, 87, 118

Regional intergovernmental organizations

CE	Council of Europe F-67006 Strasbourg, France	87, 88
CEC	Commission of the European Communities Employment and Social Affairs Boîte postale 1907 Bâtiment Jean Monnet Plateau du Kirchberg Luxembourg, Luxembourg	70, 104

NCD	The Nordic Committee on Disability Box 303 S-161 26 Bromma, Sweden	89
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development External Relations Division 2, rue André-Pascal Paris XVIe, France	69, 70
PAHO	Pan-American Health Organization 525 Twenty-third Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 United States of America	46, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57

Bilateral government programmes

AUSTRALIA	Bureau of Overseas Aid Derwent House Hobart Place Canberra ACT 2601, Australia	58
BELGIUM	Ministère des Affaires étrangères, du commerce extérieur et de la cooperation au développement Place du Champs de Mars 5 B-1050 Brussels, Belgium	58, 59
DENMARK	Ministry of Foreign Affairs DANIDA, Danish International Development Agency Asiatisk Plads 2 DK-1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark	59, 60
FINLAND	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Department for International Development Co-operation Helsinki, Finland	19, 60, 61, 118
GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF	Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation Ollenhauerstrasse 2 D-5300 Bonn Federal Republic of Germany	61, 62
NORWAY	NORAD, Norwegian Agency for International Development Boks 8142 Oslo Dep Oslo 1, Norway	63, 64
SWEDEN	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Swedish International Development Authority (SIDA) S-10525 Stockholm, Sweden	18, 64, 65, 66, 67
SWITZERLAND	Division du Commerce Département de l'Economie publique Palais Fédéral Berne, Switzerland	67

International organizations

CAMR-CIMR	Caribbean Association on Mental Retardation, sponsor of Caribbean Institute on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities The Secretariat F 17 B Terrace Mayaguez, Puerto Rico 00708	46, 47, 71, 89, 104, 118
CF	The Commonwealth Foundation Marlborough House, Pall Mall London SW1Y 5HU, England	2, 104, 105
CEC	The Council for Exceptional Children 1920 Association Drive Reston, Virginia 22091 United States of America	71
CI	Caritas Internationalis Piazza San Calisto 16 00153 Rome, Italy	7, 8, 10, 16, 18, 20, 30, 34, 35, 36, 43, 44, 51, 118
CWOIH	Council of World Organizations Interested in the Handicapped 432 Park Avenue South, Room 705 New York, N.Y. 10017 United States of America	71, 105, 119
FIMITIC (IFDWCC)	Fédération internationale des Mutilés et Invalides du Travail et des Invalides Civils Froburgstrasse 4 CH-4600 Olten, Switzerland	71
IALP	International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics Av. de la Gare 6 CH-1003 Lausanne, Switzerland	89
IBE	International Bureau of Epilepsy The David Lewis Centre for Epilepsy Alderly Edge Cheshire SK9 7UD, England	89
ICAMI	International Committee Against Mental Illness P.O. Box 898 Ansonia Station 1990 Broadway New York, N.Y. 10023 United States of America	72

ICC	International Children's Centre Château de Longchamp Carrefour de Longchamp Bois de Boulogne F-75016 Paris, France	73, 89, 105
ICCB	International Catholic Child Bureau Medico-Educational and Psycho-Social Commission 6c Priory Close London N14 4AQ, England	71, 72
ICEVH	International Council for Education of the Visually Handicapped Postfach 364 D-6140 Benshein 1 Federal Republic of Germany	8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 17, 26, 30, 32, 35, 36, 40, 45, 47, 48, 52, 90, 105
ICPS	The International Cerebral Palsy Society 5a Netherhall Gardens London NW3 5RN, England	73
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross 17 Avenue de la Paix CH-1211 Geneva, Switzerland	6, 8, 17
IEWG	International Ecumenical Working Group for Pastoral Care of the Deaf Zürich, Switzerland	73, 90
IFMSS	International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies Stubenring 6 A-1010 Vienna, Austria	74, 106, 119
ILSMH	International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped Rue Forestière, 13 B-1050 Brussels, Belgium	2, 23, 74, 75, 90, 91, 106, 119
IOA	International Ostomy Association 8742-B Le Mode Court Indianapolis, IN 46268 United States of America	75, 107

ISOD	International Sports Organization for the Disabled Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium for the Paralysed and Other Disabled Harvey Road Aylesbury, Bucks, England	75
ISPO	International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, Secretariat P.O. Box 42 DK-2900 Hellerup, Denmark	2, 75, 91, 107
ISSA	International Social Security Association Case Postale 1 CH-1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland	48, 75, 76, 92
LCSR	Laboratory for Clinical Stress Research/WHO-Psychosocial Centre Box 60205 S-10401 Stockholm 60, Sweden	92
LRCS	League of Red Cross Societies P.O. Box 276 CH-1211 Geneva 19, Switzerland	6, 10, 11, 35, 37, 40, 43, 76, 119
LWF	The Lutheran World Federation P.O. Box 66 Route de Ferney 150 CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland	19, 20, 28, 30, 44
RCSB	Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind Commonwealth House, Heath Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3AZ, England	3, 6, 10, 12, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 35, 38, 48, 92, 108, 119
RI	Rehabilitation International 432 Park Avenue South, Room 705 New York, N.Y. 10016 United States of America	41, 76, 77, 93, 108, 109, 120
WAGGGS	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, The World Bureau 132 Ebury Street, Westminster London SW1W 9QQ, England	17, 29, 31, 43, 93, 120
WCPT	World Confederation for Physical Therapy 16/19 Eastcastle Street London W1N 7PA, England	78
WCWB	World Council for the Welfare of the Blind S-122 88 Enskede, Sweden	3, 42, 78, 79, 93, 109, 110, 120

WFD	World Federation of the Deaf 120, Via Gregorio VII 00165 Rome, Italy	4, 24, 79, 94, 110, 120
WFMH	World Federation for Mental Health 2255 Westbrook Crescent University of British Columbia Vancouver, B.C. Canada VGR 1W5	80, 121
WFOT	World Federation of Occupational Therapists P.O. Box 26445 Arcadia, Pretoria, South Africa	80, 94, 121
WORTU	World ORT Union ORT House, Sumpter Close Finchley Road London NW3 5HR, England	111
WOSM	World Organization of the Scout Movement Case Postale 78 CH-1211 Geneva 4, Switzerland	94
WVF	World Veterans Federation 16 Rue Hamelin F-75116 Paris, France	36, 42, 43, 80, 94

Other organizations

CARE	CARE, Inc. 660 First Avenue New York, N.Y. 10016 United States of America	11, 36, 44
ECSWTR	European Centre for Social Welfare Training and Research Sponsored by the United Nations Berggasse 17 A-1090 Vienna, Austria	81
HKI	Helen Keller International Inc. 22 West 17th Street New York, N.Y. 10011 United States of America	31, 32, 37, 44, 81, 110, 111
ICGI	International Council of Goodwill Industries 9200 Wisconsin Avenue Washington, D.C. 20014 United States of America	4, 5, 11, 13, 16, 24, 26, 28, 33, 37, 39, 48, 49, 51, 55, 82, 94, 112

NACH	National Advisory Council for the Handicapped c/o Department of Social Security Canberra, P.O. Box 1 Woden, A.C.T. 2606, Australia	112
WRF	World Rehabilitation Fund 400 East 34th Street New York, N.Y. 10016 United States of America	5, 24, 25, 49, 82, 83

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Annex IV

RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS

Economic and Social Council resolution

1979/14. Prevention of disability

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the goals stated in its resolutions and in those of the Commission for Social Development concerning action to improve the welfare of the disabled can be attained only by the combination and co-ordination of measures covering both integration into society and prevention of risks,

Aware that the number of disabled persons is growing year by year and that there are still major difficulties standing in the way of the implementation of programmes with regard to both resources and the various equipment sectors,

Desiring that efforts to rehabilitate disabled persons so that they may live a normal life should be continued, particularly with regard to education, equipment, transportation, care and employment, and that the human and social relations of disabled persons in the community should be developed so that they may enjoy equal opportunities,

1. Takes note of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons a/ and approves the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

2. Considers that priority measures should be taken during the third United Nations development decade for the prevention of the various hazards that cause disabilities;

3. Recommends that Governments should give particular attention to the development of a plan of protection against dangers of all kinds and should promote all preventive measures designed:

(a) To inform children and adults of dangers and risks so that they may be on guard against them;

(b) To educate the population and inculcate in it the idea of protection of the individual in all the activities of daily life;

(c) To develop prenatal and postnatal supervision and improve knowledge of the importance of vaccination as a preventive measure;

(d) To expand the activity of medical, para-medical and health services;

(e) To establish and ensure the observance of safety regulations in places of work, in the streets and in other public places;

(f) To train specialist personnel in the dissemination of safety instructions and prevention techniques;

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a/ E/CN.5/565.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Commission for Social Development informed of the progress achieved with respect to prevention and to bring to its attention general policy measures and relevant programmes carried out by Member States which could usefully be made known to other countries if they so wished;

5. Requests the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their activities with those of the United Nations in order to promote effective measures for the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons, inter alia, by providing assistance to developing countries.

14th plenary meeting
9 May 1979

General Assembly resolution

34/154. International Year of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, by which it proclaimed the year 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons,

Recalling also its resolutions 32/133 of 16 December 1977, by which it established the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons, and 33/170 of 20 December 1978,

Recognizing that the International Year of Disabled Persons should promote the realization of the right of disabled persons to participate fully in the social life and development of the societies in which they live and their enjoyment of living conditions equal to those of other citizens, as well as an equal share in the improvements in living conditions resulting from social and economic development,

Recognizing also that the International Year of Disabled Persons should enhance the contributions disabled persons can make as full members of society,

Acknowledging that disability should be viewed as a relationship between an individual and his or her environment,

Convinced that the International Year of Disabled Persons should result in societies responding more fully to the special difficulties which disabled persons may encounter in developing their human potential,

Convinced also that, since a large number of disabled persons are victims of war and other forms of violence, the International Year of Disabled Persons could be appropriately used as an occasion to emphasize the need for continued and reinforced co-operation among nations for world peace,

Stressing the importance of following up the activities of the International Year of Disabled Persons with a long-term programme of action,

Noting that the Secretary-General will appoint an Executive Secretary for the International Year of Disabled Persons, a/

Noting also the relevant parts of the 1978 Report on the World Social Situation, b/

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons on its first session, held from 19 to 23 March 1979, c/

1. Decides to expand the theme of the International Year of Disabled Persons to "Full participation and equality";

2. Approves the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons at its first session, contained in the report of the Secretary-General, d/ and adopts them as the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons; e/

3. Stresses the pragmatic orientation of the activities of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

4. Affirms that the major focus of the International Year of Disabled Persons is at the national level, with supporting activities at the regional and international levels;

5. Invites Member States to consider activities at the national level along the lines of the Plan of Action and in ways that are in conformity with the culture, customs and traditions of each country;

6. Also invites the relevant specialized agencies and the concerned United Nations bodies to devote special attention to the implementation of the Plan of Action;

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a/ See A/34/158/Add.1, para. 27.

b/ E/CN.5/557/Add.2 and 3.

c/ A/34/158 and Corr.1, annex.

d/ Ibid., sect. III.

e/ The Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted by the General Assembly consists of the text appearing in paragraphs 57 to 76 of the annex to document A/34/158 and Corr.1, with the deletion of the phrase following the words "(see subpara. (i) below)" in paragraph 74 (c), of paragraph 74 (u) and of the words following the word "nationally" in paragraph 75 (b).

7. Affirms further that, in the implementation of the Plan of Action, special attention should be given to the disabled in developing countries through the provision of technical assistance, both multilateral and bilateral, for the prevention of disabilities and for rehabilitation;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, in this regard, to accord priority to the organization of an action-oriented international symposium of experts on technical assistance in the field of disability and technical co-operation among developing countries, as recommended by the Advisory Committee; f/

9. Requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities of continuing the activities of the International Institute for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Developing Countries and to submit a report in this respect to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

10. Invites the Chairman of the Advisory Committee to participate in promoting the observance of the International Year of Disabled Persons, and requests the Secretary-General to provide every means to assist him in this regard, including liaison functions at Headquarters;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the secretariat of the International Year of Disabled Persons with all the resources necessary to follow up the implementation of the Plan of Action, including the public information activities;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General to convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee in 1980 to examine the implementation of the Plan of Action and to begin the consideration of a long-term programme of action;

13. Further requests the Secretary-General to take urgent steps to publicize fully the International Year of Disabled Persons and, in this connexion, to choose an emblem for the Year at the end of 1979;

14. Requests the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned to prepare concrete and co-ordinated plans for the International Year of Disabled Persons, to be submitted to the Advisory Committee at its session in 1980;

15. Invites the regional commissions of the United Nations and other regional intergovernmental organizations to formulate, as early as possible, their contributions to the activities of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

16. Stresses the importance of the active participation of non-governmental organizations, especially organizations of disabled persons themselves, at both the national and international levels, in support of the International Year of Disabled Persons;

17. Welcomes the voluntary contributions already made by some Governments to the International Year of Disabled Persons and appeals for further voluntary contributions for the Year;

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f/ See A/34/158 and Corr.1, annex, para. 74 (b).

18. Invites Member States to submit national reports to the Secretary-General on their implementation of the Plan of Action and, in particular, to consider elaborating, on the basis of their experiences, national long-term programmes of action in the field of disability;

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "International Year of Disabled Persons" and requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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17 December 1979